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When the Rev. Robert Peebles extended me the invitation to speak at the Lawton Family Reunion on the approximately 1,300 manuscripts in the Lawton Family Papers in the South Caroliniana Library, I accepted the task dutifully, but with the reluctance that my modesty naturally compels. I knew generally the scope and size of this collection which had come to our Library through the good service of Thomas O. Lawton, Jr., (Note 1) of Allendale, and Jess Ives, of Jacksonville, Florida. Had I been fully aware at the time of the invitation that our Library already had another 1,300 or more Lawton Papers, and could have foreseen the perils of a task left to the eleventh hour for completion, my sense of duty would have been abandoned and modesty would have prevailed.

Upon a casual perusal of these two groups of papers, the researcher might first assume that the collection had been mislabelled, and he might conclude that they were instead a miscellaneous collection of papers of about a dozen or so other unrelated families of old Beaufort District. Upon a closer look he would find that there is, however, a Lawton, who as a central character, moves throughout most of the time-span of the collection, a man whose presence is more often only felt by his endorsement on the back of documents that came into his hands as executor and guardian rather than by letters to and from him. This gentleman was Alexander James Lawton (Note 2)--hereinafter referred to as Colonel--a planter, lawyer, legislator and surveyor of Robertville, St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort District, born in 1790, who at his death in 1876, relinquished his custody of the papers to his descendants.

To put Col. Lawton in his proper genealogical setting, one must turn to "Cousin Annie's" book--a book appropriately titled *Our Family Circle* (Note 3)--for I must confess to feeling a little dizzy now and then--through no fault, of course, of the author, Annie Elizabeth Miller--as I turned to it as an indispensable guide to a study of the collection. In it the researcher will find the families of Robert, Fickling, Maner, Jaudon, Polhill, Audebert, Tison, Stafford, Barksdale and Lawton, to cite but a few of the approximately sixty families whose names appear in our Lawton Family Papers, most of whom really do belong to a family circle (or circles) related by blood and marriage, some of them tracing their ancestry in common to three of Carolina's illustrious pioneers: Landgrave Thomas Smith (Note 4), the Huguenot minister, Pierre Robert (Note 5) and Bonum Sams (Note 6). The lines of these three gentlemen crossed with that of a family of Welsh Dissenters, Lawton by name, early in the history of our state.

Although I can claim one recent Lawton inlaw, I am still an outsider, and the genealogical connections between the various families featured in the Lawton Papers naturally staggered me. I have the greatest admiration for "Cousin Annie" for her boldness and success in delineating a family history which contains such unusual situations as three sisters of one family marrying three brothers of another (Note 7), and a progenitor (Note 8), a Baptist minister at that, who had at least nineteen children in two marriages.

An insider, Benjamin Spicer Stafford (Note 9), a Lawton relative, in his unpublished autobiography, recalled the hard times of Reconstruction which forced his family to move to the West, and wrote affectionately of his early life at Robertville: "Nearly everyone in the country was born and reared there.... So many people were called cousin and uncles and aunts who were no kin or who could only trace their connections generations back." Stafford added that the woods were full of Lawtons, reminiscent of an 1821 statement by another Robertville resident referring to the "old lady, Mrs. Lawton (undoubtedly Sarah Robert (Note 10), wife of Joseph Lawton (Note 11), formerly of Edisto Island), who is the mother of half a dozen heads of families here."

I was delighted to have the opportunity of studying in the Lawton Papers a splendid example of an early American social pattern characteristic of the gentry of other communities in low country Carolina. Slow increase in white population, restrictions of class, geography and travel sometimes forced the scions of these societies to select their helpmeets from among their relatives. Often the alternatives to this were either to leave home in search of a mate or to marry beneath ones social and economic station. On the other hand, family intermarriages might lead to concentration of considerable wealth, especially in land and slaves, typical examples of which can be found in the Lawton Papers. They could also produce genealogical mazes when sufficient family data were available, an example of which is before me. You will therefore forgive me if, in my all too superficial analysis of the Papers, I tend to lose my way or mention now and then a person who is not really one of your ancestors.

The Lawton Family Papers are indeed a significant addition to our Library's manuscript collection, which now comprises more than one million manuscript items. Important, of course, for the genealogical data they supply, but more so because the official and many of the non-official records of this region were the casualty of a War. Most of the Lawton Papers fall chiefly into the period between 1800 and 1860, the heyday of this corner of old Beaufort District in its development as a prosperous plantation community, and are similar to the kind you would expect to find among some of the county court records--bills, receipts, wills, inventories, bills of sale for slaves, deeds and plats, some tracing titles as far back as 1733, almost all of which came into Col. Lawton's hands and retained as his record as executor of the estates of deceased relatives. They were preserved, not with the view of the needs of today's historian or genealogist, but as legal proof of his just stewardship as administrator and guardian.

Col. Lawton is undoubtedly the central figure in this collection and Robertville, South Carolina, the center of his stage. Unlike the Colonel, whose personal papers are apparently gone forever, the existence of this little village on the edge of Black Swamp, its economic pulse and flux, is very much in evidence in the wealth of details to be found in his records of the estates of men and women who lived around him. One might even suppose that by feeding the data

on each business transaction recorded in the Lawton collection into a modern electronic computer, we could get back a day by day, perhaps an hourly, record of what transpired in the Robertville community. To me, as Director of the South Caroliniana Library--and I hasten to add as a member of a family other than the Lawton connections--this picture of Robertville economy is the chief fascination and value of the collection. But I might also add: What else was Robertville but the Lawtons and their relations?

A casual examination of the abundant economic detail in the papers might lead one to agree with the Yankee school teacher, Charlotte Verstillle, who concluded shortly after her arrival in 1821, that Robertville people were "very worldly minded, and...appear to think more of the rise and fall of cotton than of the rise and progress of religion." Her brother, Tristram, in 1813, shortly after his arrival at Robertville from Connecticut to begin a clerkship in Mr. Brooks' store, had pronounced the town a good place for business, being situated at the junction of four public roads which were very much travelled. Was it worldly-mindedness, as well as hard work and ambition, which in a few years after his arrival put Tristram in business for himself?

The economic growth of this community during the remaining decades of the ante-bellum period can be detected in a comparison of the following descriptions: Charlotte Verstillle wrote her sister in 1821:

"This splendid village contains but six houses, a Church, an Academy, two stores and a black-smith's shop. But there are a number of houses situated at unequal distance around it, and inhabited by wealthy planters. These buildings can boast neither of a cellar nor an upper story--all the rooms being on the surface of the ground. Glass windows are quite a rare luxury, light being usually admitted by throwing open a wooden door swung on hinges where the windows should be. When found necessary to guard against the cold, the light is sure to be excluded. It is surprising how many comforts these people of wealth will voluntarily deny themselves. I have been in no house which appears as well as Tristram's. It has two sitting and six bed rooms, one of which will, as soon as he finds time to attend to it, be furnished with glass windows....Our situation too is pleasantest, being at the union of the Savannah, Augusta and Charleston roads, with a green in front of which stand the Church and Academy.... Our table is plentifully supplied with variety...the grand staple eatable here is bacon--bacon and collards (a sort of cabbage) you will find on every table at every season...."

In 1879, an old-time resident of Robertville reported for the Hampton Guardian that just before the Civil War:

"...the people around this place, with very few exceptions, were in easy circumstances, many owning plantations, with from fifty to two hundred slaves, and several as many as five hundred. Some planters numbered as

many as twenty thousand acres of land in their domain. Their sons and daughters were educated at the best Southern and Northern colleges and seminaries. Our village then contained one small neat Episcopal church and a baptist church...said by those who knew, to have been the best proportioned and finest country church in the State."

Like Tristram Verstelle, the Lawtons, too, were hard working, ambitious and had a part in the economic growth of this community. Some of the younger members of the family now and then found it necessary to serve as overseers on relatives plantations or to move westward and to Florida to seek their fortunes, but most of those who stayed at home seem to have prospered. Joseph Lawton, of the second American generation and the first in Robertville, had begun as early as 1774 the acquisition of the several tracts which became Mulberry Grove Plantation, the Lawton's ancestral home in St. Peter's Parish. Part of his wealth may have been acquired as a result of his 1791 contract for hiring eight of the field slaves of his mother, Mrs. Mary Sams Grimbball Lawton Fickling. Appraisal of his estate after his death in 1815 amounted to nearly \$10,000, exclusive of his lands and money. By 1827, the estate of his eldest son, William Henry, who died that year, was appraised at nearly \$90,000, exclusive of land and money. Of this amount, more than \$42,000 was assigned to the value of his slaves and \$10,000 to bank stock. I do not believe it necessary to call your attention to the difference between the value of the dollar then and now.

Increase in possession of worldly goods in the third generation, in Joseph's younger son, the Colonel, can be partially traced in the Lawton Papers relating to his acquisition of land, and hiring, buying and inheriting slaves. In 1815, in his twenty-fifth year, the Colonel sold twenty-six bales of cotton valued at \$2,036, for himself and his father's estate. In 1819, he formed a partnership with his brother, William Henry, for the operation of a store at Robertville, under the firm name of Alexander J. Lawton & Co. Later in 1833, a few years after William's death, he joined his cousin, J. B. Jaudon, in partnership for the operation of a short-lived mercantile firm of J. B. Jaudon & Co. in Savannah. The Colonel could not leave his Robertville interests; his chief duty for the firm, other than the initial investment, was promotion of business by procuring "additional and new customers," for which he was to receive one fourth of the profits. This partnership dissolved upon Jaudon's death in 1834. In 1850, the Colonel was one of a committee sent to study the cotton mills at Graniteville "preparatory to establishing one in" the Robertville area, a fact which strongly suggests he had considerable capital for investment. In 1852, his business interests expanded with the addition of a steam engine "with gearing for a grist mill and constructed to run a saw mill," the purchase and installation of which cost him \$1,600. The Lawton collection contains an undated manuscript map of a portion of Robertville probably drawn by the Colonel in connection with a plan for an insurance business. The map shows the junction of the Charleston-Augusta road with the Robertville-Savannah road, the location of the Colonel's home, his store and gin house, the homes of his nephew, Joseph Maner Lawton, and Ben-

jamin Jaudon, and Peter Jaudon's sadler's shop. The Colonel's appointment as Deputy Surveyor had undoubtedly placed him in a position for acquiring good lands for himself, and a number of plats in the collection drawn by him are not only exceptionally neat, but show a draftsmanship which approaches the artistic.

The hundreds of bills, receipts and accounts for household goods and furnishings, for plantation supplies, equipment and Negro goods, for transportation and tolls, and accounts for sales of rice and cotton, show Robertville business oriented in the direction of Savannah, Georgia, and the importance of Purrysburg as a Savannah River depot. Among the dozens of Charleston, Robertville and Savannah mercantile establishments represented by these business papers, the firms of Lawton & Behre, Polhill & Lawton, Lawton & Willingham, Taylor, Lawton & Co., Lawton & Norton, Jaudon & Huguenin, reveal the extensive business connections of the family. A favorite among the invoices is from the firm of C. Jaudon & Son, dated 1859, with "Robertville, S. C." printed in bold type, and in small type the boast, "We can and will sell at Retail as low as can be bought in Savannah."

Numerous letters from prominent South Carolina lawyers at Coosawhatchie, such as Franklin H. Elmore, James L. Pettigru, Henry Bailey and R. J. Davant (Note 12), submitted advice to the Colonel on estate settlements, and show the importance of that town as the seat of government for Beaufort District.

There are a surprising number of Beaufort District doctors represented by bills and accounts in the Lawton Papers--Doctors Jeremiah Fickling, A. R. Norton (Note 13), T. E. Lawton, Thomas Currell, Thomas H. Harris, Sidney Smith, Samuel Perry, F. Y. Porcher, Charles Atkins--some of these and several others appear to have been within or personal physicians to the Lawton Family circle. Among the doctor relatives of Col. Lawton were his nephews, Doctors James Stoney Lawton and Benjamin Lawton, nephew-in-law Dr. Theodore Dehon Mathews; Dr. N. F. Kirkland who married his grand-niece, Jane Maner Lawton; and his son-in-law, Joseph Thomas Robert, who forsook his medical training to become a minister and educator. An account of the sale of the estate of Dr. T. E. Lawton in 1845 shows that his medical library, drugs and supplies were purchased by Drs. Norton, Nichols and Duncan.

Of the Robertville physicians, perhaps the most interesting was Samuel Perry, who, with the Verstilles, came from Connecticut. According to Grace Fox Perry in her book, *The Moving Finger of Jasper*, he is buried in the Bostick cemetery near Robertville, with "a slight but careful apology...upon the tomb...for this sufferance." Nevertheless, he too may be said to have joined the Lawton Family circle when his widow married the Colonel's brother, a Baptist minister, Winborn Asa. Dr. Perry, judging from his subscription to help build a Methodist church on Black Swamp, was himself a Methodist. When Dr. Perry died about 1821 he had a house and lot in Robertville, and his estate was settled by the Colonel. In connection with this, Col. Lawton received a letter

in 1826 from a Savannah school master, W. W. Walsh (?), who had taught at least one of the Lawton daughters. Walsh denied liability for Dr. Perry's eight dollar charge for attending another student during an outbreak of measles at his school. The bill, Walsh felt, should be paid by the student's prosperous guardian, David M. Fitts, who "kept a house of public entertainment in Coosawhatchie." This Mr. Fitts may have been Dr. David Montague Lafitte, whose papers, incidentally, have recently come to our Library.

Among the other interesting medical items in the Lawton collection are three receipts signed with an "X" by a mysterious Mary Wall for midwifery and attending sick Negroes. Was she a free Negro, midwife and nurse, or were her talents more extensive as I am led to believe and include secret voodoo cures?

Many of the bills and accounts for medical services were for attending members of the family during their last illnesses, but most of them were for treating their slaves. Typical examples of the latter are the two dollar fee of Dr. Sidney Smith, in 1831, against the estate of William Henry Lawton for "extirpating Fungus Tumor from head of Little Negro Silloh," and the two bills of Dr. Thomas Currell for nearly two hundred dollars, in 1836, against the Barksdale estate, for attending slaves on Scullcreek and Calabogia plantations. I am certain that no part of South Carolina gave slaves more attention, physical and spiritual, than the Robertville masters, who were motivated by a strong mixture of Christian charity, as well as economic self-interest.

I am also sure that Charlotte Verstelle's early opinion on the worldly mindedness of her Robertville neighbors was soon modified to give them some credit for attention to spiritual values in religion and education. She certainly knew from the beginning of her life there that she was in the center of a Baptist stronghold for she reported in her 1821 letter on the scarcity of Presbyterians and Methodists, and, I suppose, the non-existence then of Episcopalians, as compared to the strength of the congregation of the Black Swamp Baptist Church, which numbered then thirty white and one hundred black members. She would soon witness a period of Baptist revival there, an early result of which may have been the construction of a new church building of uncommon beauty and appointment. The agreement, dated May 13, 1824, between the Building Committee which included the brothers Joseph J. and Col. Lawton and Tristram Verstelle, and the two contractors, containing the specifications for the new church, is in the Lawton collection. It is almost impossible to believe today that this splendid structure could have been built for about four thousand dollars, including, apparently, the costs of both labor and material.

In view of its subsequent burning by Sherman's army, one cannot help but note that the plans called for extensive use of "fat lightwood." One happy thought occurs to me in this connection and that is the copy of agreement in the Lawton Papers might have been lost also if the Colonel had not settled the estate of one of the contractors, the Robertville carpenter, Erastus Swift. The

collection also contains another agreement with specifications, dated 1829, for the construction of a parsonage. With their new buildings, the Black Swamp congregation maintained a vigorous activity within the Savannah River Association throughout the rest of the ante-bellum period, with Col. Lawton, as one of its deacons, always in the forefront through contributions of his time and money.

Establishment of other congregations in the area through spiritual and financial encouragement is one result of the activity of the Black Swamp congregation. The Black Swamp congregation is also said to have produced fifty white and one hundred colored ministers, but I wonder if the Lawton Family shouldn't receive most or much of the credit. As with their doctors, the Lawtons produced, married and supported Baptist ministers. Among those in the family circle were the early Black Swamp pastor, Rev. Alexander H. Scott, who married Elizabeth Robert; Col. Lawton's brother, Winborn, minister at Hilton Head; the Colonel's nephew, Rev. Joseph A. Lawton, married his son to the daughter of Rev. Iveson Brookes, a great Baptist minister within the Savannah River Association. Another famous Baptist preacher, Dr. William Henry Brisbane (Note 14), an Abolitionist, but born in Beaufort District, married the Colonel's niece, Anna Lawton. I was unable to find a family connection with the young Rev. Robert B. Brooks of Robertville, whose estate the Colonel settled in 1824. (Note 15)

Col. Lawton's brother-in-law, James Jehu Robert, was pastor and deacon at the Black Swamp church for about fifty years. Last but not least was James Jehu's son, Joseph Thomas Robert, who married the Colonel's daughter, Adeline. According to his grand-daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sarah C. Robert, who lives today in Maryland, Joseph Thomas Robert attended Columbian College in the District of Columbia; graduated from Brown University with an A. B. in 1828 and an A. M. in 1831; attended Yale Medical School from 1828 to 1830 and graduated from the South Carolina Medical College in 1831. He then studied for the ministry at Furman Theological Seminary to return to serve the Black Swamp church in the 1830's. After several brief pastorates in Kentucky, Georgia and Ohio, he became a college professor, first at Burlington University in Iowa, later at Iowa State University, returning to Burlington as President in 1869. In the 1870's as though in continuation of the Black Swamp tradition, he worked with Georgia schools devoted to the training of colored ministers; in 1879 he became President of the Atlanta Baptist Seminary.

In an 1848 subscription for the salary of the Black Swamp minister, Col. Lawton with B. R. Bostick, James J. Robert, B. Jaudon and John L. Maner, are the five largest subscribers who provided more than half of the total. In her 1832 will, Martha Stoney Barksdale (Note 16), who subsequently married the Colonel's nephew, the Rev. Joseph A. Lawton, provided one thousand dollars for support of the ministry at the Hilton Head Baptist Church and six hundred dollars for the Beaufort Baptist Church for the purchase of a library for the pastor's use. Receipts of 1833 and 1835 are for her subscriptions to the Hilton

Head and Pipe Creek congregations. In 1836, as the wife of Rev. Lawton, the former Mrs. Barksdale continued her support of the preacher at Hilton Head and paid her 1835 subscription to the Rev. Mr. Moody as Missionary to the Negroes on that island. An 1850 receipt to Col. Lawton, probably as deacon of Black Swamp, acknowledged a twenty-six dollar contribution to the Savannah River Association's "funds for Widows & Orphans of deceased Ministers of the gospel within its bounds"--an item which might prove that Black Swamp Baptists would support their ministers beyond the gates of death.

In reviewing the career of Rev. Joseph Thomas Robert, one is led to entertain a suspicion that he and his wife, Adeline Lawton, shared the abolitionist views of Rev. William Henry Brisbane. He did dispose of his slaves before taking up permanent residence in the North. In the Lawton Papers there is an 1840 bill of sale conveying his slave, Lavinia, and her three children, to his father-in-law, Col. Lawton. There is also a provision in the Colonel's will anticipating rejection by Adeline of her share of his slaves. In my opinion it should not surprise us to find in a community such as Robertville even a few members, especially ministers, whose consciences might force them to eschew slavery. The exemplary record of slave-master relations of the Robertville area and its outstanding work in the Christianization of the Negro through its Black Swamp Baptist Church, as revealed in the Lawton collection and in other sources, would in fact lead one to expect to find even more persons willing to harbor abolitionist sentiments.

In the slave conveyances in the Lawton Papers, there is evidence that great care was taken to prevent the breaking-up of families and that slaves of deceased masters may have been bought by relatives to prevent them from leaving the community. In her 1842 will, Catherine Lawton (Note 17), the Colonel's sister-in-law, devised a plan to prevent her "Negroes from being separated from each other" in an equal distribution among her heirs. In 1837, Rev. Joseph A. Lawton authorized his cousin, Elias Jaudon, overseer at his wife's Calabogia plantation, "to let the negroes go to town for their Xmas."

In the one letter in the collection from Adeline Lawton Robert, written from a distant state, one senses the affectionate regard for the race when she asks her father, the Colonel, to write her about his "crops, garden, fruit, the negroes, church, neighbors." The four words,--crops, negroes, church and neighbors--are almost an adequate summary of life in Robertville, and seem to point out the important place assigned to the slave in its society and economy. The work of the Black Swamp Baptist Church among the Negroes is illustrated by the spacious, comfortable three sided gallery for slave and free Negro communicants who far outnumbered the white. Benjamin S. Stafford, in his autobiography, has left us with a vivid personal recollection of participation by Col. Lawton's slave, the Black Swamp deacon, "Daddy Jack" in this congregation's affairs, of communion served by the Negro deacons to their Christian brothers and sisters in the gallery and of numerous baptisms of Negroes by white preachers in the waters

of Black Swamp. The Verstelle Papers provide us with a reference to an excommunication of a member of the Black Swamp Baptist Church for illegal trading with Negroes. Both the law and the church were severe on the guilty since the trade encouraged the slaves to steal from their masters.

Evidence of this church's mission in training Negro preachers is found in a document by Col. Lawton, dated 1869, identifying "Daddy Jack" as the colored preacher Jack Taylor. This remarkable document and others connected with it also illustrate the Colonel's continuing affection for his former slaves during the trying years of Reconstruction, in an attempt--which entangled him for several years in governmental red tape--to secure a federal military pension for his former slave, Isabella Graham. There are few surprises in the Lawton collection greater than this. Despite the political implications of the time which might have provoked animosity in other men, I joined the Colonel in his sympathy for poor Isabella, the "Widow of Moses Graham, a deceased Coloured Soldier of the United States, who died in the said Service," but who was also formerly the property of the Colonel's neighbor at Robertville. "Daddy Jack" had married Moses and Isabella on the Colonel's plantation in 1854. Col. Lawton offered in labor contracts to his former slaves one-half of their crops rather than the prevailing one-third rate, a fact drawn from Stafford's autobiography which amplifies our meagre knowledge of this gentleman's fine character.

Other religious and charitable activities of the Robertville Baptists are revealed in the Lawton collection. From the fragmentary records of the Union Bible Society of Beaufort District, for the period 1853-1862, we learn that Col. Lawton, his nephew John Lawton, W. J. Stafford and B. J. Jaudon served as its officers at various times during this period, that three of its annual meetings were held at Lawtonville, Grahamville and Steep Bottom in 1856, 1858 and 1861. By 1861, the Society had distributed 729 Bibles and 955 Testaments since its founding in 1825. The Robertville firm of C. Jaudon & Son served as the depository for the remaining stock of books.

"I will thankfully enter into any thing that will promote the cause of Religion, Education, &c." Thus wrote Adeline Robert to her father, the Colonel, in 1858, a sentiment I am sure shared by many of the residents of the Robertville community. Adeline's husband was then combining college teaching with half-time preaching as a Baptist minister and her oldest son, Joe, Jr., was "working hard teaching in a Female Seminary in Kansas City." Another of her sons, destined to become the celebrated army engineer, General Henry Martyn Robert (Note 18), had just graduated from West Point and would soon embark on a teaching career in that institution. "Prosperity still seems to attend Henry" she wrote her father in 1858, the only reference, I believe, to General Robert in the entire Lawton collection. It is not difficult to entertain the idea that Genl. Robert's inspiration for his great work, his Rules of Order, a world best-seller, may have really originated in an early association with the Black Swamp Baptist

Church rather than at a cantankerous Baptist Church meeting in Massachusetts.

In 1828 the Black Swamp church resolved to raise a one hundred dollar contribution to the prospective Columbian College in the District of Columbia, a school which Joseph Thomas Robert, the General's father, attended a few years later. Mrs. Sarah Lawton's twenty dollar subscription in 1839 must have been just one of many gifts to another Baptist college, the still new Furman Institute where both General Robert's father and James Tison received part of their education.

Perhaps the most interesting phase of educational activity in Robertville is found in meagre detail in the Lawton and Verstelle Papers, on the Robertville or Black Swamp Academy. As far as I could determine these are the only sources of information on this school and I will be grateful to you for pointing out others. According to the 1818 plat by Col. Lawton, the 20 x 40 foot school house was centered in a half acre lot near Robertville on the "Sister ferry" road adjacent to the Black Swamp Baptist Church. In 1820, the Academy lot, and probably the "buildings lately erected" were deeded by William Henry Lawton for five shillings to the school's "senior" trustees, Col. Lawton, his brother Joseph J., John and William S. Maner and John and James J. Robert.

Tristram Verstelle's letter of October 1819 to his sister, Charlotte, reported that a considerable number of young ladies had been taught at the school, enough apparently to lead the trustees to consider it desirable to divide the school into Male and Female Academies, independent of each other, a proposal which seems to have failed. Later, Charlotte, for her health's sake, came to live with Tristram and shortly thereafter began teaching at the Academy. Tristram's home was "within a Biscuits throw" of the school, and he may have boarded some of the students. In 1827, Charlotte reported that Samuel Howard, of Savannah, nephew of the Charleston writer and editor, Mrs. Caroline Gilman, had taken charge of the Academy with its six scholars. In 1828, Catherine Maner Lawton, widow of William Henry, the school's benefactor, paid Mr. Howard for tuition of her daughters. In 1835, the academy was probably being conducted by M. R. Suares who sent his bill for ten dollars to Mrs. Barksdale, the future Mrs. Joseph A. Lawton, for one term's tuition in Latin and three text books for her adopted daughter, Josephine Polhill (Note 19). Mrs. Barksdale's 1832 will appointed Col. Lawton as Josephine's guardian, and further provided that she "shall have a good education such as young women with her prospects should have"--a statement which may be taken as implied evidence of the excellence of the Black Swamp Academy. Here ends my knowledge of this little school; as scant as it is we are fortunate, for it is more than we know of many of South Carolina's ante-bellum academies.

There is disappointment in store for the historian who turns to the Lawton Collection for specific details on the politics of this Black Swamp area. There

is nothing here on the legislative services of Col. Lawton and his nephew, Dr. Benjamin William Lawton of Allendale. One manuscript contains the Colonel's rough tally of votes in October 1851 at the polls in St. Peter's Parish, for election of a delegate to a Southern Congress during the secession movement which resulted from the threat to the South posed by the Compromise of 1850. Lawton was one of five candidates, which also included the ardent secessionist Robert Barnwell Rhett. Rhett, won by a wide majority, Col. Lawton coming in third. The Colonel of course carried Robertville and tied Rhett at Purrysburg which might serve as evidence of the close economic ties between the two towns. In a broader application, the collection, of course, is politically significant because of the light it sheds on the economy of the area which was the foundation of its politics. In 1850 Lawton apparently opposed the immediate secession policy of Rhett and the majority of Beaufort District, but he might well have joined his nephews, Benjamin Lawton and George Rhodes, years later in the signing of the Ordinance of Secession.

The Lawton Papers contain little or no data on the family's activities on the civilian and military fronts during the Civil War; one has to turn to other sources for this. It is especially disappointing to find so little in the collection on the family's Confederate general, Alexander R. Lawton. Georgia has a greater claim on him than South Carolina, but his papers are in a North Carolina depository. Another odd twist of fate is the fact that the other general in the family, Henry Martyn Robert, espoused the Union cause, although not a general at the time. Several documents in the collection relate to an organization originating in Robertville of the citizens of St. Peter's Parish for supplying the South Carolina soldiers in Virginia with blankets and clothing, through Dr. John Bachman of Charleston. Col. Lawton served as its Chairman and Samuel Solomons as its Secretary.

I do not wish to appear ungrateful to the donors of this collection to our Library when I speak of disappointments in my study of the Lawton Papers. I know you will appreciate my attitude when I say that the greatest disappointment of all was in the absence of the personal papers of Colonel Alexander James Lawton. Like so many of our state's "unsung heroes," he seems to me to deserve a larger place in our history than his posterity, related or unrelated, have afforded him.

Since the collection contains fewer than a dozen personal letters, there is practically nothing on Robertville's fate as the first South Carolina town to be destroyed by Sherman. The Stafford autobiography is valued for the story of his family's flight to Allendale to refuge in Dr. Benjamin Lawton's home which Stafford called "the finest in the whole country," but which nevertheless went up in flames because its owner had signed the Ordinance of Secession. Nannie Bostick DeSaussure was a witness of the total destruction of Robertville: "There were thirty buildings destroyed....There was but one fence paling to

indicate the site of our little village." Gone, of course, was the graceful building of Black Swamp Baptist Church.

Lawton strategy and foresight in this trying time is perhaps revealed in John Lawton's (Note 20) 1866 request to Mr. Hazel at Transpine plantation to send him his "Circular Saw, which my Uncle, Col. A. J. Lawton, had buried under his house to save it for me" during the recent invasion. I am sure that the saw was far more appreciated than any family silver which may have been saved for the difficult days ahead. I would join John Lawton in thanks to the Colonel for somehow managing to save the family papers too, and express gratitude to his descendants who did the same.

With the total defeat that came with Sherman, the story of Robertville fades into obscurity--and you will agree perhaps that this is a good cue for me to bring my discourse to an end.

I must say first, however, that a study of the Lawton Papers can give only a partial glimpse into the activities of Robertville's society, with what might seem to be a neglect of the contributions to the community by the Maners, Bosticks, Tisons and other families who lived there. I hope some day that some of their papers will be located and brought to the South Caroliniana Library for posterity to study.

I have enjoyed getting to know a little about some of your ancestors and I hope that we will get to know each other better through your frequent visits to the South Caroliniana Library to study the Lawton Family Papers.

Although Charlotte Verstelle's judgment of Robertville as "worldly minded" may have been correct for 1821, it may have been wrong for the years that followed, and even if she never joined the ranks of the Lawton Family Circle, I am sure she would join me now in quoting the closing lines of an 1895 letter in the Lawton Collection: "GOD BLESS YOU MUCH, AND MAKE YOU A WORTHY & PIOUS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LAWTON & ROBERT FAMILIES OF ROBERTVILLE ON BLACK SWAMP ST. PETERS PARISH BEAUFORT DIST. SO. CA."

Notes

(Note 1) Attorney and author of Captain William Lawton, 18th Century Planter of Edisto. S. C. Historical Magazine, Vol. 60, Charleston, 1959, pp. 86-93.

(Note 2) Born 21 November, 1790, died 8 April, 1876, married 15 November, 1809, Martha Mosse, born 5 September, 1789, daughter of Dr. George Mosse (born 1742 in Ireland, died 17 February, 1808, Black Swamp, Robertville) and Dorothy Phoebe Norton (born 10 November, 1751, on St. Helena's Island, Beaufort, daughter of Jonathan Norton and Mary Ann Chaplin, Died April, 1808, at Robertville).

(Note 3) Annie Elizabeth Miller, Our Family Circle, Macon, 1931; reprinted 1957 by the Lawton Family Association.

(Note 4) Landgrave Thomas Smith, born Exeter, England, 1648, son of Thomas and Joan Atkins Smith, married (1) Barbara Atkins, by whom he had two sons, Thomas and George. With his family he immigrated to Charleston in June, 1684; he married (2) 22 March, 1867, Sabina de Vignon, widow of Jan d'Arsens, Lord van Wernhaut, who had in 1686 built Medway. By patent dated 1691 he was created Landgrave; he took office as Governor of Carolina 29 November, 1693, died 16 November, 1694, and was buried at Medway where his tomb may still be seen.

(Note 5) Rev. Pierre Robert, born St. Imier, Switzerland, 1656, son of Daniel and Marie Robert, ordained in the French Huguenot Church, Basle, Switzerland, 19 February, 1682, married in 1674, Jeanne, daughter of Jehu and Susanne Brayer of Basle, immigrated to Carolina in 1686 with his wife and son, Pierre Robert, Jr. He was the first minister of St. James' Parish, French Santee, serving until 1712; he died at Jamestown in 1715. Transactions of the Huguenot Society of S. C. No. 36, Charleston, 1931, pp. 20-28.

(Note 6) The Sams Family of South Carolina, Lula Sams Bond and Laura Sams Sanders, S. C. Historical Magazine, Vol. 64, Charleston, 1963.

(Note 7) Jane Mosse (27 December 1783 - 1857) married in 1803 Benjamin Themistocles D'Ion Lawton (22 December 1782 - 18 April 1846); Martha Mosse married Alexander James Lawton (Note 2); Phoebe Mosse (born 6 December, 1781) married Joseph J. Lawton (1777 - 1859).

(Note 8) Rev. James Jehu Robert (4 November, 1781 - 19 January, 1852), son of John Robert and Elizabeth Dixon (granddaughter of 2nd Landgrave Thomas Smith), married (1) his cousin, Charlotte Anne Lawton, born 17 September, 1785, by whom he had seven children; married (2) 1 October, 1817, Phoebe McKenzie (7 February, 1797 - 25 June, 1854), daughter of Revolutionary soldier Patrick McKenzie and Esther Marie Mosse (born 18 May, 1772, daughter of Dr. George Mosse), by whom he had twelve children.

(Note 9) Benjamin Spicer Stafford (21 December, 1853 - 12 December, 1943), son of William John Stafford of "The Hermitage" plantation and Mary Ellen Jaudon, daughter of Benjamin Jaudon (11 November, 1795 - 27 January, 1870) and Sarah Thirza Polhill (2 August, 1809 - 8 December, 1863), daughter of Thomas Polhill, II and Thirza E. Lawton.

(Note 10) Sarah Robert Lawton, born 6 February, 1755, at Santee, S. C., sixth child of Jacques Robert (born 3 April, 1711, son of Pierre Robert, Jr., and his 2nd wife, Judith, daughter of Jacques and Madelaine Garillonde de Bourdeaux) and Sarah Jaudon (born 24 September, 1719, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Jaudon); she died at Transpine plantation 6 October, 1839. Her will is among the Lawton Papers. For an account of the Huguenot family of Jaudon, see: Early Jaudon "Pauls", by Martha Bailey Burns, Transactions of the Huguenot Society of S. C., No. 68, 1963, pp. 49-52. Lawton descendants are eligible for membership in the Huguenot Society on Robert, de Bourdeaux and Jaudon lines.

(Note 11) Joseph Lawton, born Edisto Island 18 October, 1753, died at his Mulberry Grove plantation, Black Swamp 5 March, 1815, married 18 March, 1773, Sarah Robert; he served as a Lieutenant in Col. Bull's Regiment during the Revolutionary War. Proof of service in May and July 1778 appears in Auditor General's Account Book (April 1778 - February 1780) pp. 91-93, Archives, Columbia; his will is among the Lawton Papers. Lawton descendants are eligible for membership in the D.A.R., S.A.R., D.A.C., Colonial Dames, etc.

(Note 12) Col. Richard James Davant married Anna, daughter of Samuel Maner and Sarah Saunders Porcher.

(Note 13) Dr. Alexander R. Norton, later of Savannah, Ga., only son of Robert Godfrey Norton and his first cousin, Sarah Mosse (born 28 February, 1790, daughter of Dr. George Mosse and Dorothy Phoebe Norton).

(Note 14) Rev. Dr. William Henry Brisbane, born 12 October, 1806, son of Adam Fowler Brisbane and Mary Ann Mosse (10 March, 1786 - 10 May, 1854, daughter of Dr. George Mosse and Dorothy Phoebe Norton), married 28 May, 1825, his first cousin, Anna Lawton (1806-17 February, 1888, daughter of B. T. D. Lawton and Jane Mosse), died at Arena, Wis., 5 April, 1878. See: S. C. Historical Magazine Vol. 14, Charleston, 1913.

(Note 15) He apparently belonged to the family of James Carroll Brooks who married Sarah Crawford Robert, daughter of Ulysses Maner Robert and Rachel Rhodes.

(Note 16) Martha Stoney, daughter of James Stoney and Elizabeth Mosse (born 30 May, 1776, daughter of Dr. George Mosse and Dorothy Phoebe Norton) who were married 27 February, 1793, in St. Helena's, Beaufort, married (1) Thomas Henry Barksdale (1795 - 1832, son of George Barksdale and Ann Agnes Bona of Hilton Head Island), married (2) Rev. Joseph A. Lawton, son of Joseph J. Lawton and Phoebe Mosse (Note 7).

(Note 17) Catherine Maner, daughter of Capt. William Maner and Jane Aseneth May, married 31 October, 1797, William Henry Lawton (23 February, 1775 - 1 November, 1827), eldest child of Joseph Lawton and Sarah Robert.

(Note 18) Gen. Henry Martyn Robert, author of Robert's Rules of Order, born Robertville 2 May, 1837, died 11 May, 1923, was son of Joseph Thomas Robert (born 26 November, 1807) and Adeline E. Lawton (10 December, 1810 - 6 June, 1865); he married in December, 1860, Helen M. Thresher, daughter of Ebenezer Thresher and Elizabeth Fenner.

(Note 19) Josephine Barksdale Polhill, daughter of Thomas Polhill, II (born Savannah, Ga., 17 March, 1783) and his 2nd wife, Matilda Rebecca Jaudon (born 24 September, 1795, daughter of Elias Jaudon, Jr., and Mary Hyrne Dixon), married (1) in 1845 Dr. Benjamin Lawton (1822 - 1879) and (2) Rev. Joseph A. Lawton, her first husband's brother.

(Note 20) John Lawton (25 September, 1830 - 18 June, 1908), son of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton (23 June, 1793 - 23 February, 1878) and his third wife, Lucinda Landrum, married his first cousin, Elizabeth Stoney Peeples (23 December, 1834 - 13 February, 1910), daughter of Edward Harden Peeples (9 October, 1811 - 24 November, 1892) and Charlotte Esther Lawton (2 November, 1813 - 16 August, 1886, daughter of B. T. D. Lawton and Jane Mosse). Elizabeth's father gave her 523-acre Jericho plantation on 2 September, 1851, for a wedding present.

THE LAWTON FAMILY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

First Three Generations

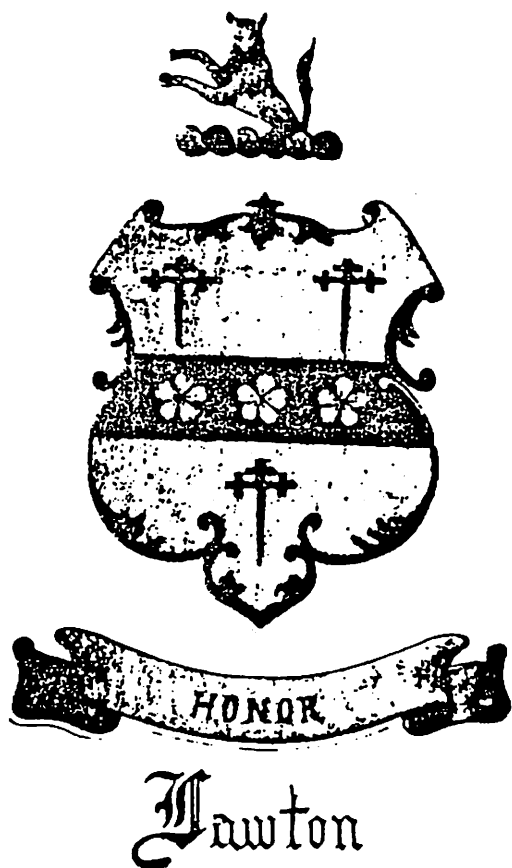
Compiled by the Rev. Fr. Robert E. H. Peeples

IMMIGRANT: Capt. WILLIAM LAWTON, Planter, St. John's Parish, Edisto Island, Colleton County, died 9-15 October, 1757; married (1) MARY, daughter of Jeremiah Clarke, 4 children: Josiah (died unmarried), William, Jr. (died unmarried 1758), Sarah (born 1739, died 21 October, 1798) married John Seabrook and left descendants, Jeremiah (died unmarried before 20 May, 1762); (2) 1743-4 a daughter of Thomas Winborn, Planter, Wadmalaw Island, St. John's Parish, 2 children: Winborn (born Edisto Island, 1745, died James Island September 22, 1809) married Mrs. Mary Mathews (22 August, 1749 - 10 February, 1839, daughter of Jonathan Frampton) 3 children: Winborn, Jr. (1782 - 24 March, 1861), Beulah (married 29 January, 1801, John Hughes) and William; and Mary (died unmarried); (3) Mrs. MARY SAMS, widow of Paul Grimball and daughter of William Sams (c.1685 - c.1738) and Susannah Harrison. William Sams was son of Bonham (Bonum) Sams (baptized 2 February, 1663, No. Petherton Parish, Somerset, England, arrived S. C. 1681, son of Thomas and Mary Bagge Sam) and his 1st wife, Enstis Blake. William and Mary Sams Lawton had one child, Joseph (see below) and after William's death Mary married Samuel Fickling, moved from Edisto Island to Prince William's Parish, Granville County and died in 1804.

JOSEPH LAWTON (born Edisto Island 18 October, 1753, died Mulberry Grove Plantation, Black Swamp, near Robertville, S. C. 5 March, 1815) on 18 March, 1773 married SARAH ROBERT (born 6 February, 1755 St. James Parish, Santee, died at Transpine Plantation 6 October, 1839, daughter of Jacques and Sarah Jaudon Robert, whose father, Pierre Robert, Jr., fled from Basle, Switzerland to S. C. in 1686 with his father, Rev. Pierre Robert, French Huguenot Minister); their eleven children were all born at Mulberry Grove Plantation:

1. WILLIAM HENRY LAWTON (born 23 February, 1775, died 1 November, 1827) married 31 October, 1797 Catherine Maner, daughter of Capt. William & Jane Aseneth May Maner; seven children.
2. JOSEPH J. LAWTON (born 19 August, 1777, died 1859) married Phoebe (born 6 December, 1781) daughter of Dr. George Mosse (born Ireland 1742, died Black Swamp, Robertville 17 February, 1808) & Dorothy Phoebe Norton (born St. Helena's Island 10 November, 1751, died Black Swamp 1808, daughter of Jonathan Norton & Mary Ann Chaplin, daughter of John & Phoebe Ladson Chaplin of St. Helena's Parish, Beaufort District, S. C.); eight children.
3. MARY LAWTON (born 5 May, 1778) died in infancy.

4. MARY LAWTON (born 20 September, 1781) died in infancy.
5. BENJAMIN THEMISTOCLES D'ION LAWTON (born 22 December, 1782, died and buried Albany, Georgia 1846) married in 1803 Jane Mosse (born St. Helena's 27 December, 1783, buried Lawtonville Cemetery 1857), sister of Phoebe & Martha Mosse; eleven children.
6. CHARLOTTE ANNE LAWTON (born 17 September, 1785) married her 1st cousin, Rev. James Jehu Robert (born Robertville 4 November, 1781, died 19 January, 1852, son of John Robert, born Santee 13 July, 1742, died Robertville 25 February, 1826, and Elizabeth Dixon, granddaughter of II Landgrave Thomas Smith & his 2nd wife, Mary Hyrne, born 1690, daughter of Edward Hyrne); seven children.
7. THIRZA E. LAWTON (born 17 September, 1787, died 3 December, 1811 in the vicinity of Natchez, Miss., where her husband and her two brothers, Joseph and Benjamin T. D., had immigrated that year) married 18 June, 1806 at Black Swamp, Thomas Polhill II, son of Rev. Thomas & Rachel Patton Polhill; three children.
8. MAHALI LAWTON (born 14 September, 1789) died in infancy.
9. ALEXANDER JAMES LAWTON (born 21 November, 1790, died 8 April, 1876) married 15 November, 1809 Martha Mosse, born 5 September, 1789, sister of Phoebe and Jane Mosse; twelve children.
10. WINBORN ASA LAWTON (born 23 June, 1793, died Lawtonville 23 February, 1878) married (1) Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cater Rhodes (born 25 June, 1776, died 25 February, 1823, daughter of Thomas Cater (1751-1803) and Rachel Miles (1755-1802), daughter of Capt. Silas & Elizabeth McPherson Rachel Miles (1755-1802), daughter of Capt. Silas & Elizabeth McPherson Miles), widow of Thomas Rhodes who died 25 April, 1809; 2 children; (2) Mrs. Perry; (3) Lucinda Landrum; five children.
11. SAMUEL JOHN LAWTON (born 22 June, 1796) died in infancy.



LAWTON AND ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REUNION

Holiday Inn

June 13 - 14, 1986

Hardeeville, S.C.

P R O G R A M

FRIDAY, June 13

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

"Get-Together Party"

SATURDAY, June 14

10:00 A.M.

Annual Meeting

WELCOME Dr. Robert James Lawton

INVOCATION The Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples

REPORT OF SECRETARY Mrs. Martha L. Cooper

REPORT OF TREASURER Mr. Marion R. Lawton

REPORT OF HISTORIAN. Mrs. Cora M. Peeples

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIBLIOGRAPHY Dr. Gerald M. Church

FOUNDATION Mr. Thomas O. Lawton

"OUR FAMILY TREE"

A person from each family present introduces the members of his or her family and briefly outlines the family lineage.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER . . . Dr. Gerald M. Church

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Clyde Bresee grew up on a Lawton plantation near Charleston. His father was the plantation manager. Dr. Bresee will be sharing with us some of his experiences and recollections of life on the plantation.

CLOSING PRAYER - SONG Assembly
Sung to music of "Edelweiss." See words of prayer on opposite page.

SONG FOR CLOSING PRAYER

May our God, God of Love,

Bless and keep you forever.

Grant you Peace, perfect Peace,

Courage in every endeavor.

Now go forth in Joy and Love,

And in Grace forever.

May our God, God of Love,

Bless and keep you forever.

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SATURDAY, June 14

12:30 P.M.

Luncheon

BLESSING Mr. Leslie J. Huntley

BUFFET

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While in the vicinity, we suggest that you plan to visit one or more of the old family cemeteries. Consult your map.

Please keep our Family Historian, Mrs. Cora M. Peeples, up to date. Send all items of interest including births, marriages and death notices to her.

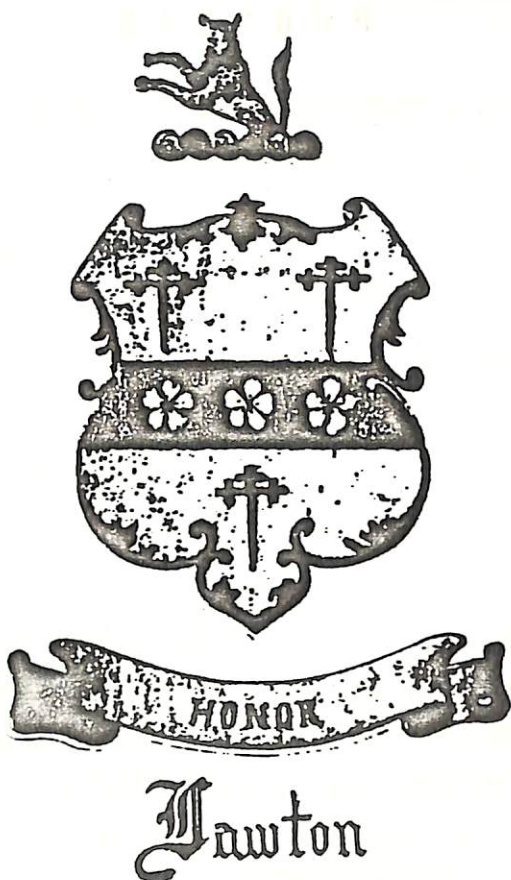
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March 25, 1986



LAWTON AND ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REUNION

Quality Inn Hotel

June 16 - 17, 1989

Charleston, S. C.

P R O G R A M

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

"GET-TOGETHER PARTY"

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 10:30 A.M.

ANNUAL MEETING

WELCOME. DR. ROBERT JAMES LAWTON

INVOCATION THE REV. DR. ROBERT E. H. PEEPLES

REPORTS

TREASURER. MR. MARION R. LAWTON, JR.

HISTORIAN MRS. CORA M. PEEPLES

LAWTON FAMILY TOUR MR. D. BLAINE MIKESELL

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE. . . . MR. THOMAS O. LAWTON, JR.

EDISTO ISLAND CEMETERY RESTORATION

REV. PIERRE ROBERT MEMORIAL

NEW PRINTING OF OUR FAMILY CIRCLE

"OUR FAMILY TREE"

A PERSON FROM EACH FAMILY PRESENT INTRODUCES THE MEMBERS OF HIS OR HER FAMILY AND BRIEFLY OUTLINES THE FAMILY LINEAGE.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

GUEST SPEAKER. MR. THOMAS O. LAWTON, JR.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CLOSING PRAYER (SEE BACK OF PROGRAM)

ADJOURNMENT

LUNCHEON

12:30 P.M.

GRACE MR. W. MAXWELL LAWTON

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE

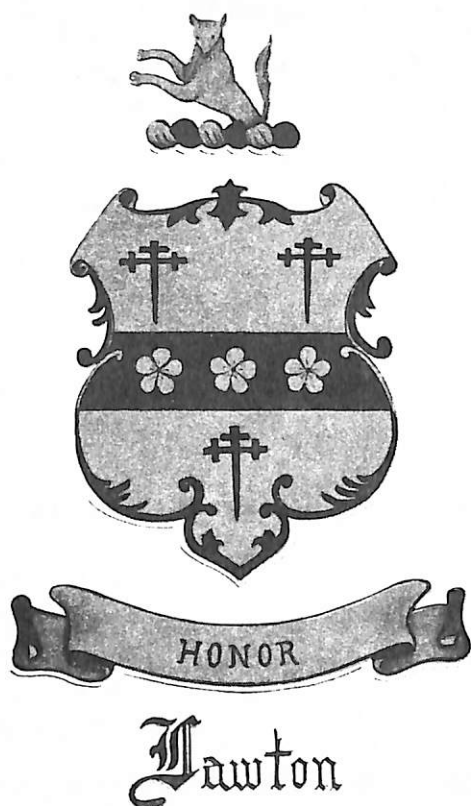
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PLEASE KEEP OUR FAMILY HISTORIAN, MRS. CORA M. PEEPLES, UP TO DATE. SEND ALL ITEMS OF INTEREST INCLUDING BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATH NOTICES TO HER.

CLOSING PRAYER

MAY OUR GOD, GOD OF LOVE,
BLESS AND KEEP YOU FOREVER.
GRANT YOU PEACE, PERFECT PEACE,
COURAGE IN EVERY ENDEAVOR.
NOW GO FORTH IN JOY AND LOVE,
AND IN GRACE FOREVER.
MAY OUR GOD, GOD OF LOVE,
BLESS AND KEEP YOU, FOREVER.



LAWTON AND ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REUNION

HOWARD JOHNSON RIVERFRONT

JUNE 15 - 17, 1990

CHARLESTON, SC

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.
DINNER CRUISE

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 10:30 A.M.
ANNUAL MEETING

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INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER. . . PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MR. JACK BOINEAU
MRS. LAWTON O'CAIN

GUEST SPEAKER. THE REV. DR. ROBERT E. H. PEEPLES

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING PRAYER (SEE BACK OF PROGRAM)

ADJOURNMENT

LUNCHEON 12:30 P.M.

GRACE. MR. W. MAXWELL LAWTON



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C L O S I N G P R A Y E R

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BLESS AND KEEP YOU, FOREVER.

4 August 1989

Dear Robert,

I was delighted to receive your letter of some date with your kind words of praise for the little reception at St. James Santee. All passed along to Dee (without whom it could not have been done). She has consented to back me up and I have called Lucia to say I will do all I can to make the hospitality committee do a good job this year. It is not completely clear in my mind what the job is. Are we supposed to be doing something about the October officers meeting? I understand that next spring we must get the invitations printed, addressed and mailed in plenty of time to get responses for the General Assembly on 28 April. We will work with Jack Boineau on receipt of money and reservations to make sure he gets the money and we get the head count. It is very generous of you and Miss Cora to gift the wine and we will make sure there are carafes and glasses and discuss the idea of a cash bar with Mr. Hastie as well as settle the luncheon in due course. I'll also ask Lucia thousands of questions to make certain that we don't forget anything.

The Lawton Reunion was such a special treat this year. Wish you could have joined the group for church Sunday morning. Your trip to England seems unimaginable- I shall look forward to a more detailed account when next we meet. It is very dear of you to send along the copy of the Legend of the Bleeding Wolf. I shall see that the rest of the family gets copies.

I've just returned from my month in the mountains and am ready to turn around and go back. It is far too warm for normal civilized people. Though we have it easy compared to some dear friends who volunteered to relieve two missionaries in Lahore Pakistan for six months. Asia can be fun but I don't believe Lahore can be anything but horrid.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for the Clowns Bazaar. We are brooded over just now by many pretty peace doves with pink beaks and olive branches. These were made in a mission in San Salvador (Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres) and brought back to us by a group of teenagers who had gone from a Baltimore Presbyterian Church to San Salvador for two weeks to help them any way they could.

All these doves makes me think of Gerard Manly Hopkins and "Ah - bright wings!"

Blessings

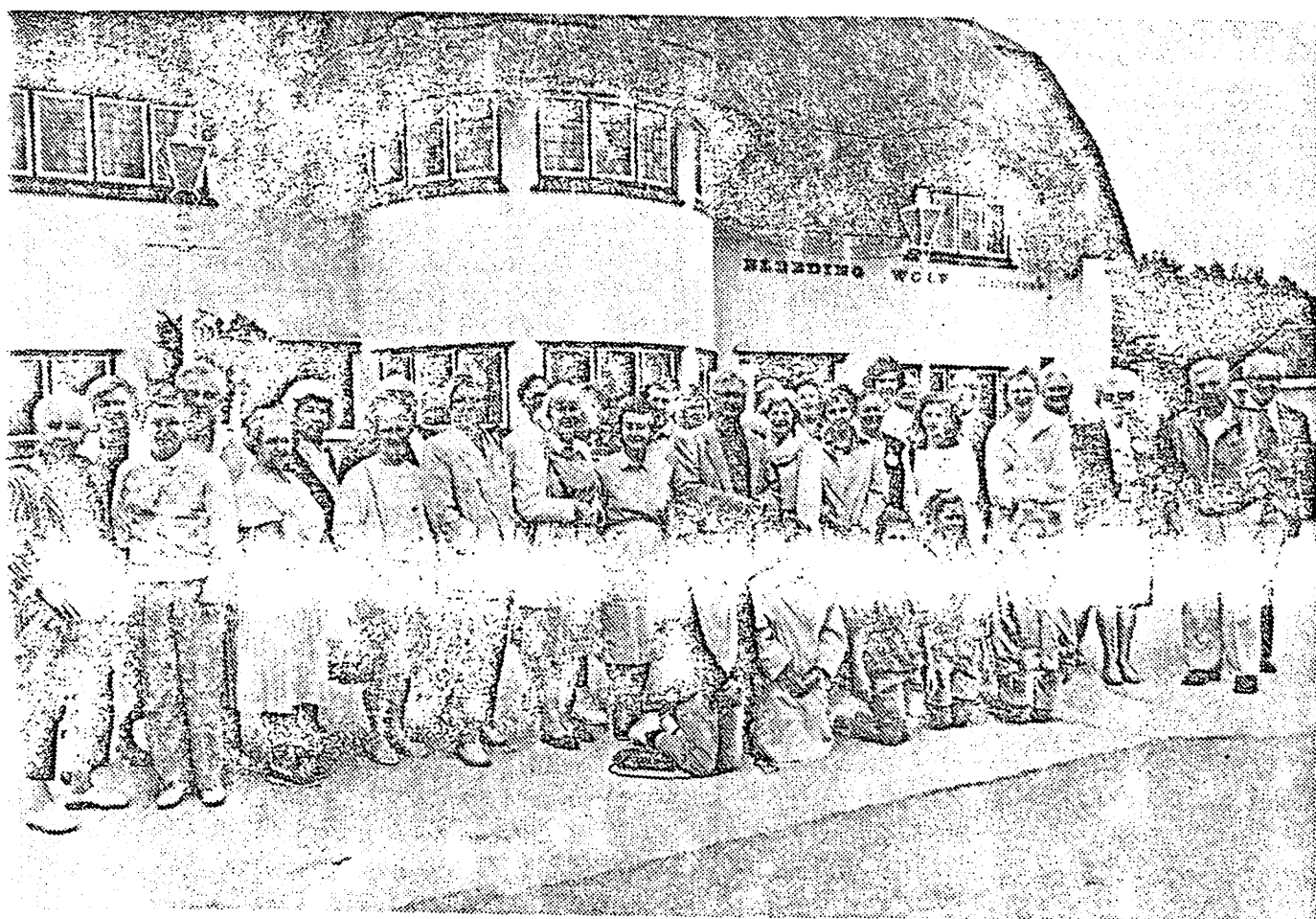
Peace

and Love

to you both
Doreen

on 24 June 1989

The Lawtons gather . . . in Lawton



The American visitors congregate outside the Bleeding Wolf, Scholar Green.

("Chronicle" Photo: 979/89).

Visitors from all over the United States of America converged on Church Lawton recently, for all of them claimed connection in some way with the Lawton family, and believed their "roots" were in the village.

A tour company in America arranged for the 34 people to spend a "Heritage Week-end" in the village, visiting the area and meeting the residents.

On the Saturday, there was a tour of All Saints' Church, followed by a tour of Lawton Hall by Mr. John Lawton, the squire's son. In the evening, the visitors were the hosts for a buffet at Lawton Memorial Hall, and entertained over 100 people.

The following morning, the American visitors returned to the church for a Heritage Service conducted by the Rev. R. Sutton. The lesson was read by Mr. John Lawton, from Florida — one of eight Lawtons from across the water who share the name of their English counterparts.

Their week-end was completed by a tour of the Cheshire countryside, conducted by Mr. Sutton.

LAWTON AND ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION REUNION

June 17-18, 1988

HOLIDAY INN

Hardeeville, S. C.

The Lawton & Allied Families Association annual reunion was held in Hardeeville, S.C. at the Holiday Inn June 17-18, 1988. Approximately forty members of the Allied Families met for our traditional get-together on Friday evening. Cora Peeples faithfully provided her display of newspaper clippings about activities of our family during the past year. Please remember to send Cora information about births, marriages, activities, honors and deaths. Newspaper clippings help Cora build an interesting display which she does for us each year and which is appreciated by all. A collection of paintings by a very talented member of the family, Wesley Maxwell Lawton, were on display.

The business meeting began at 10:00 A.M., Saturday. A group of approximately forty-five members and guests were welcomed by Dr. Robert James Lawton, President. The Invocation was given by Wesley Maxwell Lawton. Mrs. Marion R. Lawton (Peggy) gave the Treasurer's report for her son, Russell Lawton, reporting a balance of \$3022.63 in the cemetery fund. Work has been done at the Smyrna Church Cemetery and Robertville Cemetery during the past year. Jack Boineau has found a man to clean the cemetery on Edisto Island where Col. William Lawton is buried. There is extensive work needed to restore this cemetery, brick work and all.

The report of the Historian, Cora Peeples, will be attached to the Minutes. This includes births, marriages and deaths. This report will be as complete as the information which you send to Cora.

Dr. Gerald M. Church (Gerry) reported for the Bibliography Committee. He requested that any members with suggestions for information which can be added to the Bibliography contact Lucille Dickinson, Catherine Moore, Robert Peeples, Thomas Lawton or Gerry Church.

Tommy Lawton reported that work is continuing on Incorporating a Lawton Family Association.

A proposal for a marker for Col. William Lawton and his wives was discussed. Tommy Lawton will work with Jack Boineau to determine what needs to be done at the Edisto Cemetery.

Dr. Peeples reported that \$1049.00 has been collected toward a monument to Pierre Robert to be located at the church at St. James, Santee.

Copies of the new printing of "Our Family Circle" are now available from Cora Peeples (\$25.00 plus \$2.50 Postage). Five dollars goes toward the family cemetery fund. We all would like to thank Cora for making this new printing possible.

Next, each family group introduced their individual members and gave their relationship to the Lawton family tree.

Dr. Gerald M. Church, Program Chairman, presented our speaker for the reunion - our own Reverend Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples. Robert gave a very informative talk on "The History of Early Robertville". At the conclusion of Robert's talk we adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened after a delicious (and I do mean delicious) buffet lunch and Marissa Jane Hunt (Granddaughter of Jane and Gerry Church) recited a poem which she had composed about the reunion.

THE LAWTON REUNION

"The Reunion is here!
The Reunion is here!"
The voice is still ringing in my ear

Welcome Lawtons' the old sign says,
The Lawton Reunion should last 3 days,
At the Holiday Inn the speech will be given,
For all the Lawton's descendents that are still livin!

From England the Sir William came,
To bring the Lawton family name,
And here and now we celebrate,
The Lawton people, so, so great

And for 3 days we reunite,
For sometimes days and sometimes, night,
To remember where the Lawtons came,
And celebrate the Lawton Name!

By Merissa Jane Hunt, June 1988, 10 years old.

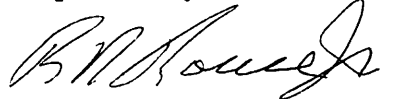
A discussion of the 1989 meeting site concluded with a proposal to meet in Charleston, S.C. Russell Lawton will investigate possible locations to hold the reunion.

Blaine Mikesell gave a very informative presentation of a proposed tour of England for the Lawton and Allied Families in June 1989. By now you should have received additional information on this tour.

Election of officers was held with Dr. Robert J. Lawton accepting the Presidency for one more year. Joseph J. Miller, III was elected Vice President (President elect) and Robert N. Rouse, Jr. was elected Secretary. Russell Lawton was re-elected Treasurer for the cemetery fund and Dr. Gerald M. Church will continue as Program Chairman.

Dr. Robert E. H. Peebles gave the closing prayer and Dr. Robert James Lawton adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert N. Rouse, Jr.
Secretary

P.S. Please excuse my tardiness in sending out the Minutes, but Morrelle and I have had many complications in our lives since the meeting in June.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE 1988 REUNION

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 Ms. Patti M. Bostick, Box 939, Beaufort, S.C. 29901
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 Cdr & Mrs. Donald P. Curtis (Donald & Margie), Rt 3, Box 90A, Darlington, S.C. 29532
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 Lt. Col. Rosa T. Lawton, 124 Berry Tree Lane, Myrtle Trace, Conway, S.C. 29526
 Mr Thomas O. Lawton, Jr., 2 Hampton Dr., Allendale, S.C. 29810
 Mr Wesley Maxwell Lawton (Maxwell), 11 N. 29th St., Richmond, VA 23223 46590
 Mr & Mrs D. Blaine Mikesell (Charlotte Lawton & Blaine), 100 Chestnut Ave., Winona Lake, IND
 Mr & Mrs Joseph J. Miller, III, Route 9, Box 263, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
 Mrs Lawton C. O'Cain, 159 3rd St., East, Estill, S.C. 29918
 Mrs. C. L. Patterson (Edith M.), 3117 Boundary St., Burton, S.C. 29902
 The Rev & Mrs Robert E. H. Peeples (Cora McKenzie & Robert), 8 Moon Shell Rd., Hilton Head
 Island, S.C. 29928
 Mr & Mrs William A. Pope, 50 Palisades Rd., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309
 Carolyn F. Ramsay, 525 Knollwood Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29209
 Mr & Mrs Ernest F. Ramsay (Miriam & Ernest), 142 E. Calhoun St., Denmark, S.C. 29402
 Jane Lawton Ray, One Ascan Ave., Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375
 Dr & Mrs T. M. Rhodes (Frances & Milton), 1162 Buist Ave., North Charleston, S.C. 29406
 Mr & Mrs Robert N. Rouse, Jr. (Morrelle & Bob), 1012 Nottingham Pl., Johnson City, TN 37604
 Mr & Mrs W. B. Watson (Carole & Bailey), 843 Rama Rd, P.O. Box 13294, Charlotte, N.C. 28211
 Martha Deanna Wagoner (Deanna), 9 Broad St., Charleston, S.C. 29401
 Mrs Kenneth L. Wickett (Crystelle Robert), 2461 Ridgmar Plaza, Ft. Worth, TX 27116

NECROLOGY

Mrs. Essie H. Morrison of Savannah, died 7 Oct. 1987, 77 yrs. old, survived by a son, T. W. Morrison, Jr. of Atlanta & a daughter, Mrs. Sally Morrison Payne of Birmingham.

Mrs. Loyer Lawton Zahner, 86, of Atlanta died 22 June 1987, daughter of Edward & Harriette Lawton, survived by her daughter Harriet Zahner Vanhouten, 2 sons: Robert & Kenyon Zahner and 2 sisters: Miss Florence Davant Lawton & Mrs. Susan Lawton Daugherty of Atlanta.

Charles Lawton McCall, 83, died Nov. 1987, descendant of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton & his 1st wife, Mrs. Mary Cater Rhodes Lawton; his widow, Lillian (Blue) Clark McCall, died in 1988, survived by 2 sons: Charles Lawton McCall, Jr. and Walton Clark McCall.

Miss Annie Dasher Ramsey, 78, died 4 Jan. 1988, survived by her brother, Ernest F. Ramsey of Denmark, SC and sister, Mrs. Mildred Weiss of Alexandria, Va., descendants of James Jehu & Charlotte Ann (Lawton) Robert. Mrs. Lona Ruth Miller Thomas, 83, widow of Henry B. Thomas, died 18 Dec. 1987, Shreveport, La., descendant of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton & of Benj. T.D. Lawton.

Richard Arthur Vaughn, 57, died 23 Dec. 1987, buried in Lawtonville Cemetery, survived by Mrs. Barbara Morrison Vaughn, descendant of Benj. T. D. Lawton.

Mrs. Charlotte M. Medlock Wilkins, born 3 Feb. 1919 in Estill, daughter of John Lawton & Etta May (Blossie Ellis) Medlock, died 4 Oct. 1987, survived by daughters: Mrs. Richard Larry (Nancy Ann Wilkins) Jones, Mrs. Robert Grover (Gloria Wilkins) Wirtz and Jean Roberts Wilkins, and a son John Wesley Wilkins, descendants of James Jehu & Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert, B.T.D. Lawton and Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton.

Robert Josiah Willingham, III (1 Apr 1912-27 Aug 1987), Wilmington, NC, Past President of this Assn., survived by 3 sons by his 1st wife: R.J. Willingham, IV, Michael Glenn & Stephen McCrae Willingham.

Mrs. Albert L. (Amelia Kanehl) Youmans (24 Jan 1899-3 Jul 1987), survived by 2 daughters: Mrs. Lewis (Meta Youmans) Guttis, Jr. of Lexington & Mrs. Louise Youmans Kinley of Charleston, descendants of James Jehu & Charlotte Ann (Lawton) Robert.

Albert S. ("Jock") Lawton, 87, died 1 Sep 1987 in Jacksonville, Fla., survived by his wife Tayloe Corbin Lawton & 3 daughters: Mrs. Tayloe Lawton Graves of Jacksonville, Mrs. Marian Lawton Langford of Tallahassee, Fl. & Mrs. Susan Lawton Butz of Fairfax, Va.

Kenneth L. Wickett, 92, died 3 Jan 1988 in Fort Worth, TX, husband of Mrs. Crystelle Robert Wickett, descendant of Capt. Peter & Anne (Grimball) Robert who left Robertville in 1803 for Mississippi.

Dr. Edward H. Wyman died 26 Jul 1987 in Jacksonville, Fla., son of Dr. Delacy Evelyn & Allene (Lawton) Wyman of Lena, survived by his wife, Mrs. Geraldine P. Wyman, 3 daughters: Mrs. Loretta Wyman Pillam, Mrs. Pamela Wyman Berneth & Mrs. Allene Wyman Parnell, 2 sons: Edward H. & Delacy M. Wyman, & a sister, Mrs. Allene Wyman Stone of Greenville.

Mrs. Louise Johnston Barnes died 8 Oct. 1987, survived by a son, Eugene Lawton Rhodes, descendant of James Jehu & Charlotte Ann (Lawton) Robert and of Benjamin T. D. Lawton.

Hiram Bingham, Jr. died 12 Jan 1988 in Atlanta, survived by his mother, Mrs. Rose Lawton Morrison Bingham, 4 brothers, 7 sons & 4 daughters.

Benjamin Bostick, 91, died 21 Aug 1987 in Beaufort, descendant of William Henry Lawton (1775-1827), survived by a son Benjamin, Jr. of Olney, Md. & a daughter Patti Major Bostick of Beaufort, 3 sisters: Mrs. Jane Bostick Gamble of Kingstree, Miss Eliza Bostick of Charleston & Mrs. William Rogers of Atlanta, & a brother J. C. Bostick of Beaufort.

Mrs. Lilah Peeples Chisolm (6 May 1916-1 Jul 1987), only daughter of the late Stoney Lawton & Ethel (Rhodes) Peeples of Estill, survived by sons

William Dee Chisolm, Jr. & Col. Stoney Peeples Chisolm & a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Elaine Chisolm) Johnson.

Henry Franklin Colquitt died 4 Nov 1987, survived by 3 sisters: Mrs. W. G. Beauregard of Benton, La., Mrs. Claude D. Moore of Vivian, La. & Mrs. J. L. King of Phoenix & 2 brothers: Charles H. & William A. Colquitt of Shreveport, La.

Dr. Henry Edward Crosby died 24 Dec 1987, son of Mrs. Dale Theus Crosby Pinckney & the late Henry Edward Crosby of Grahamville, survived by his wife Mrs. Patricia McCollum Crosby, a daughter Shelly L. Crosby & 2 sons: Henry E., Jr. and Christopher T. Crosby, descendants of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton & Benjamin T. D. Lawton of Lawtonville.

Mrs. Susan Hard Lawton Daugherty, widow of Carl Francis Daugherty of Atlanta, died 2 March 1988, survived by a daughter Susan Lawton Daugherty & 4 sons: Francis, Jr., Edward L., William H. & Rev. Lawton Daugherty & a sister, Miss Florence Davant Lawton of Atlanta.

Mrs. Louella Lawton Gibson, 99, of Hampton, widow of Robert A. Gibson, died 25 July 1987, daughter of the late Judson & Adelaide (Reynolds) Lawton of Lawtonville and Beaufort.

Winchester Graham, 90, of Columbia died 22 Aug 1987, son of the late Harry & Jenny (Kirkland) Graham, survived by a daughter: Mrs. Ida L. Pierson of Jacksonville, Fla., 2 sons: Frank & James Graham of Columbia, 3 sisters: Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds, Mrs. Corey Harvey Yancey Frost & Miss Grace Graham, & 2 brothers: Reuben & Hunt Graham of Texas, all descendants of William Henry Lawton (1775-1827) of Robertville.

Mrs. Stella Ihly Henderson, 85, died 21 Aug 1987 in Savannah, survived by two sons: Col. Lindsey Patterson Henderson, Jr. & Robert Thomas Henderson, all descendants of II Landgrave Thomas Smith (1670-1738).

Leslie John Huntley (14 May 1906-17 May 1988), Lumberton, NC attorney, husband of Maude Constance ("Connie") Lawton Huntley, Past President of this Assn.; they have 2 daughters: Mrs. Mary Huntley Floyd Bowen & Mrs. Rosa Lawton Huntley Moffat Howard.

Mrs. Rosalie Spann Laffitte, 80, widow of Charles Atkins Laffitte, died 24 Sep 1987, buried in Lawtonville Cemetery, survived by 3 sons: Charles A., Jr., Henry Spann & Montague T. Laffitte, descendants of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton & Benjamin T.D. Lawton.

Frank Brabham Kirkland, 78, of Charlotte died 27 March 1988, survived by his wife Mrs. Janie Beth Carter Kirkland, a daughter: Mrs. H. Perdue of Summerville, SC & a sister: Mrs. Inez K. Hartzog of Bamberg, all descendants of William Henry Lawton (1775-1827).

Mrs. Nell Peeples Lightsey of Varnville died 16 Aug 1987, survived by her husband Norris Lightsey & 2 daughters: Mrs. Moses Tucker (Nell Lightsey) Laffitte, Jr. of Columbia & Mrs. Margaret Lightsey McMillan of Hampton, descendants of Benjamin T. D. Lawton.

MARRIAGES

Mollie Wannamaker Crouse, daughter of Wiley Harrison & Camille Crouse of Charlotte, married 7 Nov 1987 Charles Evans Henton. The wedding ring formerly belonged to her great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Izlar.

Lalla Lee Laffitte, daughter of Dr. Moses Tucker & Nell (Lightsey) Laffitte, Jr. of Columbia, married 24 June 1987 George Earle Compson, III.

Mary Ann Miller, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Arlen Miller of Garwood, married 29 Aug 1987 Marvin Allen Wilson, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence A. Wilson of Palestine, Texas. The bride is a granddaughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maner Bostick of Estill.

Paul Graham Mikell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Winborn Lawton Mikell of Estill, married 26 Sep 1987 LeAnn Marie Westendorf, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick E. Westendorf of Varnville.

BIRTHS

Brooke Vincent Randolph, born 20 July 1987 Anderson, SC, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rodger (Jane Vincent) Randolph of Murray, Ky.; he has a sister, Lauren. They are grandchildren of Dr. Hugh Edward Vincent, Jr., descendant of William Henry Lawton & Benjamin T. D. Lawton.

Keith Harrison Crouse, son of Wiley Harrison & Lindsay Crouse, Jr. of Charlotte, NC and grandson of Wiley H. & Camille Willingham Izlar Crouse.

Robert Lee Discher, born 20 Nov 1987, son of Charles Alford & Katherine C. Oliver Discher, Jr., a Benjamin T. D. Lawton descendant.

Emily Lauren Settle, born March 1987, daughter of John & Mary Hallie

Colquitt Settle, a descendant of Alexander Benjamin & Narcissa Melissa (Lawton) Lawton.

Kurt Talmadge Lawton, born 11 May 1988, 6 lbs. 13 oz., son of Brewton and Joni Lawton of Augusta, Ga.; he has a 3-yr. old brother.

Graham Lawton O'Cain, born 2 Dec 1987, daughter of "Scooter" and Tammy O'Cain of Estill; her brother, Adams Clarke O'Cain was born 31 Dec 1985.

NECROLOGY

Mrs. Roberts of Monroe, La. died 29 Nov 1987 "2½ months short of her 100th birthday", survived by her son Ed Roberts and her daughter, Sara, of Monroe, La., descendants of Jean, son of Rev. Pierre Robert.

Robert Ridgeway Rice of Brickhouse Plantation, Wiggins, SC, died 12 May 1988 in Charleston, son of the late James Henry & Jennie Maner Rice, descendant of William Henry Lawton (1775-1827).

Claudius L'Artigue Rhodes, 71, died 26 May 1988 in Columbia, son of George & Emmie (Fishbourne) Rhodes of Hampton Co., survived by his wife Ann Maull Rhodes, 2 daughters: Mrs. Gwenda Rhodes Yarborough of Mount Pleasant and Mrs. Claudia Rhodes Russ of Columbia, and a brother, George L. Rhodes of Charleston, as well as three grandchildren. His great-grandparents were Deacon George & Eliza Jane (Robert) Rhodes of The Hermitage Plantation, Lawtonville.

Dear Lawton and Allied Families Association Members,

The 1994 Lawton and Allied Families Association Reunion is scheduled for June 17-18, at the Quality Inn Heart of Charleston, 125 Calhoun Street at Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina.

We will kick off the 1994 reunion with an informal social gathering at 5:30 p.m., Friday, June 17 at the Quality Inn. This will give us all a chance to get reacquainted and catch up on the year's news!

Our meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18. A stimulating program will be presented featuring Maner Lawton Thorpe, Ph.D. Dr. Thorpe, an anthropologist and linguist specializing in Central and Northeast Asia, will discuss our Maner family connection. He plans to reveal a few details not generally known about the Maner family.

Dr. Robert James Lawton, Foundation Director, will present an update on the newly established family Foundation and how we can each participate in preserving our unique family history.

Blaine Mikesell will review the arrangements for a ten-day excursion to explore our Lawton heritage in England. Twenty people are needed to make the summer of 1995 trip a success. If you are interested in the trip please contact Blaine at (219) 267-5382.

This year we have added a family history roundtable to the program at 2:00. The roundtable is a chance to ask questions about each family branch, tell and listen to family stories, and talk with our speakers about their presentations. Two of our family historians, Thomas O. Lawton and Dr. Robert E.H. Peeples, will be on hand to lend their expertise.

The Lawton and Allied Families Association dues remain only \$5.00. The dues enable us to send members registration information for the reunion and the reunion minutes and historian's report. Please send us the name and address of family members who would like to be members of the Association but are not currently receiving information.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Charleston, June 17-18, 1994 for the exciting Lawton and Allied Families Association Reunion.

With warmest regards,



Stacey Church Driscoll
President, Lawton and Allied Families Association

LAWTON AND ALLIED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION
JUNE 18-19, 1993
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES

Dr. Robert James Lawton, President, opened the meeting with a welcome to all family members. Dr. Peeples jokingly admonished us, saying, "there are only two ways Christians pray, on their knees, or on their feet" before giving the invocation.

Our Family Tree, the outline of each family's lineage was begun by Dr. Peeples. He also encouraged family members to send announcements of births, deaths, marriages and other notable events to the family Historian, Cora Peeples.

After her lineage was detailed, the President thanked Deanna Wagoner for the lovely table favors from the Clowns' Bazaar, a special market for handicrafts. Deanna thanked the members of the family for their interest in and support of the shop.

Lawton O'Cain introduced herself and raised the issue of the Orangeburg County Road closing in Hampton County, South Carolina. Dr. Peeples remarked that the road is of historical significance because German settlers used it to travel between Salisbury and Orangeburg. O'Cain reminded us that General Sherman marched several thousand troops along the road. That was a good enough reason to close it, someone remarked! O'Cain asked if members of the family would be willing to sign a petition to keep the road open for historical reasons. After some discussion it was agreed the people living in the area near the road would sign the petition.

The President asked officers to give their annual reports.

Marion R. Lawton, Jr. (Russell), Treasurer, reported the family had approximately \$3,470.00 in the bank. The fund is earning 2.9% interest in a money market account and Russell is open to suggestions about how the interest rate might

be improved. Our Family Circle is still available for \$25.00 a copy and Lawton crest notecards for \$3.00 a box, a portion of which goes to the family fund.

Lawton O'Cain reported on the status of the Robert Cemetery fence in Robertville at the site of the original Black Swamp Baptist Church. She has contacted a millwright who can restore the fence using the pieces available for cost plus 10%. A motion was made that Lawton go forward with the work. The motion carried.

The Historian's report was given by Cora M. Peeples. She thanked family members for contributing information to the historical reports and bulletin board information. She provided handouts of the 1992 and 1993 reports.

Jack Boineau, past President of the Edisto Historical Preservation Society, discussed Edisto Island Cemetery restoration. He explained that the Lawton/Seabrook Cemetery is cleaned every two months. The cost is \$25.00 for each cleaning. The current resident of the Seabrook mansion contributed \$500.00 to the Society to start the cleanup project. Thomas O. Lawton, Jr. suggested the family make a contribution to the Edisto Historical Preservation Society. He remarked that the family has designated \$400-\$500 for markers for William Lawton and there was some discussion of a transfer of funds. Dr. Peeples moved to give \$500.00 to preserve the Lawton/Seabrook Cemetery. The motion carried.

Dr. Peeples introduced Ernestine Fellers, President, The Society of First Families of South Carolina. He announced that all members of the family are invited to join the Society. Membership forms are available from Dr. Peeples.

Cora M. Peeples informed the group that the scrapbook collection has been sent to the Caroliniana collection in the library of the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina. The papers are noted in the family Bibliography, Second Edition, dated June, 1993. It was discussed that the first collection of Lawton papers in the Caroliniana collection needs to be catalogued. Tom Lawton noted that by comparison a set of Lawton papers in the Southern Historical Collection of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, is nicely guidelineed (see Bibliography, pg. 9).

Dr. Gerald M. Church presented the Bibliography Committee update. He suggested the first Bibliography from 1986, printed on yellow paper, be replaced in our files by the 1993, mulberry colored version.

There were comments and reviews of a few of the publications and papers listed in the Bibliography. Dr. Church suggested we consider publishing several items in the Bibliography when and if funds are available for a publication program. He read an excerpt from "Old Toney and His Master" as an example of the type of out-of-print document that has historical significance to the family. He believes the book depicts the lives of our families in the Lawtonville area around the 1850's.

The Bibliography Committee is pleased to announce that Kimberly McLaren Hutchison will serve as its newest member.

Tom Lawton reviewed the family Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1989 to receive gifts for document publishing and preservation of the cemeteries. All gifts are tax deductible. Contributions are needed for markers at Edisto, clearing and restoration of cemeteries, and publishing family documents. Trustees of the Foundation are:

- 1) Mr. M. Russell Lawton, Jr.
- 2) Mrs. Don C. Sharp, Jr.
- 3) Mrs. Marion R. Lawton
- 4) Mr. & Mrs. Winston A. Lawton
- 5) Dr. Gerald M. Church
- 6) Rev. Robert E. H. Peebles
- 7) Mr. Lawton Maner

Dr. Robert James Lawton was elected as a Foundation Director.

Dr. Lawton remarked on his eight years as President of the family organization. He reviewed three goals he had at the beginning of his term:

- to develop a Bibliography of family papers
- to make available a trip to England to visit the home of our ancestors
- to establish a non-profit Foundation for gifts and donations.

All of those goals have been realized with the help of many family members. The President was given a round of applause to thank him for his outstanding service to the family.

Thanks were also warmly given to Dr. Milton and Frances Rhodes for the lovely dinner-on-the-river at Doc's Pad.

Our evening at the Summit Plantation in 1991 was remembered fondly and thanks were again extended to Jack Boineau.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

After lunch the meeting resumed with a report from the Nominating Committee. No one had been found to assume the role of Secretary or President.

New business was asked for and the youngest attendee, Margaret Bower, age 7, and the oldest, Thelma Clark, age 90, were applauded.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting adjourned, Linda Lawton Phillips accepted the role of Secretary and Stacey Church Driscoll accepted the role of President for the 1994 year. To acquaint you with Stacey and Linda, a pedigree chart for each is attached.

These minutes were prepared by Stacey Driscoll and Linda Phillips.

PRAG SESSION NUMBER TWO.
by Mrs. Cora McKenzie Peeples,
Historian and Scrapbook Custodian.

Prag Session Number One about news filed in our Scrapbooks was presented when our Reunion met in Savannah in 1979. Since then we have several authors to add to our list: Carolyn Lawton Harrell published Kith And Kin in 1984. She gave us a preview when we met in Wilmington, NC. Stacy and Gerald Church wrote The Lawtons of Summer Oaks and gave us a program in 1984 on the family of Alexander Benjamin and Narcissa Melissa Lawton. This family is also represented by Dr. Robert James Lawton and his sister and her husband Blaine Mikesell who arranged the tour of England which 35 of us enjoyed in 1989.

We had a speaker in 1986 who told of his life on the James Island plantation of Allison St. John and Wallace Lawton, Dr. Clyde Bresee who wrote Life On A Lawton Plantation Near Charleston. And we have a song composed by Mrs. Thomas Lawton Willingham, harmonized by Laura Lawton Reynolds, The Farmer Man.

In 1983 when Connie Lawton Huntley was President, Michael West Berry spoke on the Life & Death of Sarah Isabella Robert and her nephew, Richard Franklin Bostick, in the 1837 wreck of the steamship Home. Michael was a great speaker who has since gone to his final resting place. Our family lost an outstanding young man, so knowledgeable and capable. Michael was Custodian of the Museum of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington for several years and moved up to the National Trust before his untimely death.

Two of our past Presidents have died since 1979: the brothers Benjamin Joseph and Robert Josiah Willingham.

Cousins who have joined us since 1979 include Crystelle Robert Wickett of Fort Worth, Texas who has had a distinguished career as President of the State of Texas Huguenot Society, the Texas State Garden Club, Texas State Mother of the Year, Sponsor for the Children of the American Revolution and in many other positions. Crystelle also plays tennis avidly and often.

Deanna Wagoner, whose Clown Bazaar at 9 Broad St. was founded in Nepal before its reactionary government forced her to leave while she was working for Church World Service, now operates it as a not-for-profit corporation. She offers items handcrafted by physically handicapped and economically disadvantaged Christians from all over the world. Visit Deanna's Clown Bazaar for unusual gifts and collectibles.

Carow Rice's grandson, Clay Rice, follows in his footsteps in cutting silhouettes, playing guitar, composing and singing songs.

Our family has enjoyed special recognition in having Thomas O. Lawton, Jr. as President of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina and of the South Carolina Historical Society for the past several years, while the Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples has been President of the Society of First Families of South Carolina, 1670-1700. Through their leadership we were able to erect and dedicate with appropriate ceremonies, a bronze plaque in memory of the Rev. Pierre Robert (1656-1715), Founder and First Rector (1706-1710) of the Parish of St. James Santee. In addition, the family contributed in 1989 more than \$800 to the fund for the maintenance of the historic Church on Old Georgetown Road. Our next project is to erect epitaphs for Rev. Pierre and Jeane (Bayer) Robert and their son, Pierre Robert, Jr., at the site of Old Jamestown on Santee River.

Our Secretary, W. Maxwell Lawton, the family's outstanding young artist, is a grandson of the Rev. Samuel and Alice Lawton. The Rev. Sam was founder of the South Carolina State Society for the Blind. Max's brother, Deaver Lawton, represented the family in Desert Storm earlier this year. We are proud of both of them.

There is an article in the Scrapbook about James Lawton of Bluffton, a potter who has won many awards for his work. The family's artistic genes can be traced back to the dynasty of ROBERT artists in France and Switzerland centuries ago.

Lawton O'Cain's Bed and Breakfast, the John Lawton House in Estill, is flourishing, quite popular with the hunting crowd.

Summit Plantation, off Toogoodoo Road, was bought and restored as their home by John and Patricia (Youmans) Boineau. It is shown in Plantations of The Lowcountry by William Baldwin.

Jane and Gerald Church's granddaughter wrote a poem honoring the family the last year we met in Hardeeville. It is preserved in the Scrapbook.

Mrs. Alice Rhodes Rogers (Rt. 3, Box 121, Mullins, SC 29574) has published a RHODES family history which includes the family of the Hon. George Rhodes (1802-1881) of the Hermitage Plantation, Lawtonville, Signer of the 1860 Ordinance of Secession, and his two wives, both daughters of James Jehu and Charlotte Ann (Lawton) Robert of Cotton Hill Plantation, Robertville. Copies may be ordered from Alice.

In looking through the information in our Scrapbook, we can feel blessed in being part of a family which has been honorable and influential in this State since 1693 when Landgrave Thomas Smith was Governor, 1686 when Rev. Pierre Robert was minister to the Huguenots on Santee River, 1691 when John Ladson was a member of the Grand Council, 1698 when Edmund Bohun was 1st Chief Justice. Certainly few have contributed more to society than Gen. Henry Martyn Robert in his Robert's Rules of Order. He was truly a peacemaker. When I look at all the members who have accomplished so much, I can see that they have a personal relationship with our Lord who guides and directs us in the many good works we do.

We have stories of births, marriages and deaths, plus many honors won. We gather them all together in thanksgiving to our heavenly Father in the words of that great old hymn:

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last, and our eternal home."

D. BLAINE MIKESELL
208 CHESTNUT AVE.
WINONA LAKE, IN 46590

June 17, 1994

- Enclosed is the itinerary of our Lawton Tour for June 1995. Please read it carefully as it contains all the details.
- The Price is \$1205 per person for the land arrangements, based on 2 people sharing a room with separate beds. Air is estimated at \$835 each (currently) from Atlanta to Manchester, England round trip. If you are originating at a different airport, we will be glad to quote a competitive price.
- All prices are based on the current exchange rate of \$1.50 per L 1 British Sterling.
- I will be personally handling all the land arrangements, so please send in your reservations as soon as possible.
- Air reservations are being handled by my friends at Custom Travel in Indianapolis, IN. They have many years experience in international travel, and can make additional air reservations if you plan to go elsewhere before or after the Lawton trip.
- This tour is similar to our trip in 1989, except there is more sight-seeing, more places of interest, and less "jumping" around! Only 3 different hotels.
- My address is shown above. My phone number is 219/267-5382. If I am not in, please leave your message on my answering machine and I will call you back.
- Custom Travel can be reached at 800/229-9292. You should make air reservations by Oct 15.
- While this tour is designed for the Lawton family, feel free to invite friends who might be interested in coming with us to see this part of England.
- Time is of the essence, so please respond by mailing the enclosed card to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Blaine Mikesell

LAWTON PARTY - ENGLAND - WALES 1995

1995 The Itinerary

- Monday 19 June Fly USA - Manchester
- Tuesday 20 June Arrive Manchester, meet tour escort: complete entry formalities and board the private bus for the journey to Llangollen, North Wales. Sightseeing stops en route in Chester and St. Asaph, with its beautiful small cathedral. Continue via the Horseshoe Pass into the lovely Vale of Llangollen to arrive in the small town of Llangollen, famous for the Eisteddfod International Festival of music and culture, held annually in July.
- Check into the hotel: free time to rest after the journey until we meet for the welcome dinner.
Dinner/overnight LLANGOLLEN BD
- Wednesday 21 June Full day touring the spectacular country side of North Wales via rugged Snowdonia, with breathtaking views of Wales' highest mountain, to Caernavon Castle, one of the greatest and most historic of all Welsh castles. (Lunch at Bodysgallen Hall).
- In the afternoon, we visit Bodnant, Wales' finest garden, created by the Marquis of Aberconway.
Return to Llangollen late afternoon for dinner/overnight.
LLANGOLLEN BLD
- Thursday 22 June Depart for Alsager near Crewe. Our route is via the 'Marches', the scenic Border region where Wales and England meet, travelling via Chirk, with its historic castle, and the superb border town of Shrewsbury, on the river Severn, with views of the Long Mynd mountain. Continue through the delightful Shropshire scenery via Market Drayton to arrive at a hotel at Alsager
Dinner/overnight ALSAGER BD
- Friday 23 June Full day excursion to the Potteries; guided visit to the Wedgwood Pottery Centre and plant, also the Gladstone Museum. Return to Cheshire to visit Moreton Hall, one of the finest of English half-timbered manor houses. Lunch break here
Dinner/overnight ALSAGER BD

- Saturday 24 June Full day exploring the Cheshire countryside in the locality, including a visit to the historic little Chapel in the fields at Woodhay, and to Capesthorne Hall, a fine country house of the 18th century. Special programme at midday and in the evening arranged by Rev. Joyce. This will include lunch at the Bleeding Wolf Pub, where we will be joined by Alastair and Iris Lawton, who will bring us a message of special interest. We also hope their son John and his wife and new baby will be able to be with us.
- Evening arrangements to meet members of the Community of All Saints Church at the village of Church Lawton will include supper and program. BLD
- Sunday 25 June Attend the morning service at All Saints Church and the after-service social gathering.
- Afternoon visit to the spectacular Stapely Water Gardens, largest water garden in Europe.
Dinner/overnight ALSAGER BD
- Monday 26 June Depart for the Lakes, travelling via the beautiful Derbyshire Peak District via Buxton and Matlock.
Check into our hotel for a stay of three nights.
Dinner/overnight LAKES. BD
- Tuesday 27 June Depart for a full day excursion to explore the most spectacular scenery in England: tour the lakeshore of Coniston Water and visit Brantwood, the home of the writer and critic John Ruskin. There are spectacular views of the Fells and valleys - we see the famous peaks of Scafell and Coniston Old Man. Opportunities provided for a short hike through some of the best of Lakeland's scenery.
- In the afternoon, we visit the places associated with the great poet William Wordsworth - Dove Cottage where Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy wrote some of their finest works and Grasmere Church, where the Wordsworths are buried.
Dinner/overnight LAKE DISTRICT. BD

Wednesday 28 June Further day to explore the Lakes. There is a visit to the National Trust farmhouse at Near Sawrey, Hill Top, where the famous children's writer Beatrix Potter lived and created her immortal character Peter Rabbit. Then we take a cruise on the waters of beautiful Lake Windermere and there is an opportunity to see more of the spectacular Lakes scenery en route back to our hotel.

Special farewell dinner this evening at our hotel
Dinner/overnight LAKES. BD

Thursday 29 June Transfer to Manchester Airport for the return flight to the USA. Opportunity for individual participants to make continuation tours in Europe as required.

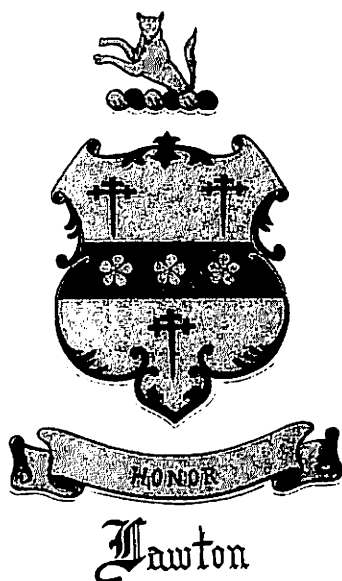
ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE:

9 nights' accommodation in first class hotels, twin bedded rooms with private facilities.
English breakfast daily, dinner each evening
Private coach throughout
Tour Manager to accompany the party
Sightseeing tour of Chester, Peaks, Lake District
Admissions to listed places of interest.
Tips and taxes for included services, other than gratuities to escort and driver.
Porterage of one suitcase per person.

20 Passengers Minimum

\$1,205.00 each (current price) for land arrangements, which are being made by D. Blaine Mikesell, 208 Chestnut Ave., Winona Lake, IN 46590 219/267-5382

Air reservations will be made by Custom Travel, 4507 E. 82nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 800/229-9292.



658 Henderson St.
Sumter, S. C. 29150
April 29, 1968

Dear Cousins,

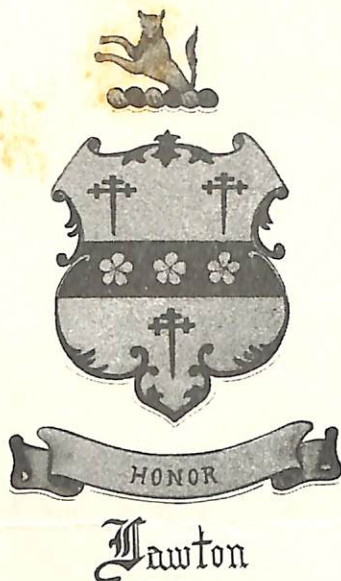
The month of June approaches
And from all across the land,
The Lawton folks are planning
For the gathering of the clan.

That's right - - - the date this year for our reunion is Saturday, June 8th, at Edisto Island. This is one reunion you will not want to miss. Here's why: On Friday evening, June 7th, from 8:00 o'clock on, we have all been invited to the lovely home of Cousin Billy Mc Leod and his sister, Mrs. Rose Barnwell. They live on James Island at 325 Country Club Drive. How to get there? Where Highways 700 and 171 divide in Charleston, take 171 toward Folly Beach. After crossing Wappoo Bridge, turn left at the light, go 150 yards, and turn right. Theirs is a large house with tall columns on the front.

After the informal reception, out-of-town relatives will want to stay in a motel of their choice in Charleston. You may make your own reservations and arrangements with one of these suggested motels: Holiday Inn (Highway 171 South, Box 3366), Charleston Inn (35 Lockwood Drive), Holiday Inn (Downtown, Meeting at Calhoun St.), Sheraton-Ft. Sumter Hotel (No. 1 King St.), all with addresses of Charleston, S. C.

The reunion will be held on Saturday morning at 10:00 A. M. with registration beginning at 9:30. We have secured a school house on Edisto Island where we will have both our meeting and the luncheon at \$1.25 per plate. As you travel South on Highway 174, the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church is on the left, with the school about a mile beyond the church on the right. Both are on the main road to Edisto Beach, about 37 miles from Charleston.

This year we have planned to have no speaker, since we feel that there are a number of our own group who have interesting and varied facts and stories. Come prepared to be "on the program" if you wish. Of course, we may have to limit ourselves in the interest of time. Bring any historical information you may wish to display.



The highlight of this year's reunion will be the formal unveiling and dedication of the cenotaph to Captain William Lawton which has been erected in the yard of the Presbyterian Church. This will take place just after the lunch, with a brief but meaningful service. Those who wish to have a share financially in the erection of this cenotaph may mail your contributions to us or bring them to the reunion, if you prefer. This unveiling is a once-in-a-lifetime event which you will certainly not want to miss!

Now here is some general information you will want to have concerning our reunion:

We will have available for sale copies of the South Carolina Historical Magazine with Tom Lawton's article on Captain William Lawton.

French-fold note paper with the Lawton coat-of-arms will be on sale for \$1.00 per box, as last year. If you are unable to attend the reunion, we will mail this to you for \$1.25 per box.

We are open for invitations for a meeting place in 1969.

We shall have the usual recognitions, family data, and such other matters as we are all interested in.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Please return the enclosed card to us by May 15th if you plan to attend the Friday reception or the Saturday luncheon. We need to know how many to plan for. If we do not hear from you by the 15th, we will assume you have other plans. Also use this card to notify us of any needed corrections or additions to the mailing list.

Thank you for reading this "wordy" letter, but this is one of the fallacies in electing a preacher as your president!!

We're looking forward to seeing you this year at the reunion.

Sincerely,

Kirk and Sarah

J. Kirk Lawton, Jr., President
Sarah S. Lawton, Sec't-Treas.



To All Lawton Family Tour Members:


We are absolutely ecstatic by the excellent response by the Lawton family to the English tour next June. As we write this letter, 33 people have signed up for the tour. We list the people and their places of residence on a separate sheet so you'll know who is going (and, so far, who isn't going). This is an excellent size for a family group. You'll have a 45-passenger coach, including a lavatory aboard, you'll have your own registered English guide and, of course, your driver of the coach. We had hoped for a minimum of 20 people to make the tour feasible, but when the applications came rolling in, we began to wonder whether you would exceed the capacity of the coach!

Our experience suggests that there are still a few people who will join the tour group. This almost always happens with a few people who cannot make a full commitment at this time, but who later find they would like to go. And we'll endeavor to accommodate these people while space remains. So if you know of a Lawton cousin or sister or whomever, tell them that the tour is definitely going and there's still room on a first-come, first-served basis for a few more.

I shall be making final arrangements for the tour when I'm in England after Christmas and will give you an updating when I return in late January.

Meanwhile, our sincere appreciation to all of you who have sent us your applications so that we can finalize the tour plans. May your holidays be merry with visions of Olde England in your dreams for 1989.

Sincerely,


James E. Bolles, Director
Family Society Tours, Ltd.

JEB:bbh

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Blaine Mikesell

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L A W T O N R E U N I O N
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Charleston, South Carolina

At the annual meeting of the Lawton and allied families reunion held in Charleston, S. C. on Saturday, June 16, 1990, the president in chair, Dr. Robert James Lawton called the business meeting to order. Dr. Robert Peeples gave the invocation. The president then called for the committee reports.

The treasurer's report was given by the treasurer in chair, Russel Lawton. Included in this report are the following items:

- . Interest income of \$91.76
- . Expenditures;
 - C. C. McGreger for \$175.00
 - Tom Lawton for \$147.00
- . Balance of \$2,191.47
- . Requests for gifts to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund to be mailed to Russel Lawton.

The Historian's report was given by the historian in chair, Miss Cora, to the president.

The Cemetery Maintenance Report was given by committee chairman, Jack Boineau. A discussion followed concerning the condition of the Seabrook-Lawton Cemetery of Edisto Island. It was concluded that funds should be raised to repair the wall and stones placed to honor the graves of Captain William Lawton and his wives. These funds are to be sent to the treasurer, Russel Lawton, P. O. Box 16, Folly Beach, S. C. 29439.

Dr. Peeples summarized the condition of St. James Church Santee following Hugo. The church was undamaged however the records of the church were lost due to the storm. The church leaders graciously accepted the remainder of the funds for the bronze plaque honoring Pastor Pierrer Robert for general maintenance of the building but not as a Pastor Pierrer Robert perpetual memorial fund.

Dr. Peeples and Miss Cora presented a royalty check for \$200.00 from proceeds from the sale of Our Family Circle with the promise of future royalty checks.

The Bibliography Committee Report was given by the chairman, Jerry Church. No changes at this time.

This concludes the committee reports as presented.

Our family tree was individually acknowledged by all present.

Jack Boineau, of The Program Committee, introduced Dr. Peeples as this year's speaker. Dr. Peeples reported on the recent family trip to England and the visit to Lawton Hall and to Church Lawton. Several of the 35 who went gave a group presentation and related personal experiences.

Dianna Wagoner suggested the secretary write a letter to be copied and signed by the family association members requesting the state of South Carolina to issue a commemoration stamp honoring General Henry M. Robert for his contribution to the state.

On the motion of Dr. R. James Lawton the meeting adjourned and the blessing of the noon meal was given by Maxwell Lawton at this time.

Respectfully submitted by Wesley Maxwell Lawton,
Secretary.

BIRTHS:

Bostick, Joseph Maner, IV, born 18 Aug. 1991 to Joseph & Eleanor Bostick, III; his gr-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. D. Wise Batten; he descends from William Henry and B.T.D. Lawton.
Bostick, Megan Lockwood, born 22 Feb. 1992 to Robert & Lisa Bostick; his gr-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. D. Wise Batten; he descends from William Henry and Benj. T.D. Lawton.
Crouse, Brandon Lindsay, son of Lindsay Crouse; his grandparents are Wiley and Camille Crouse; he descends from B.T.D. Lawton.
Davis, Marshall Elizabeth, born 22 Nov. 1991 to James & Helen Davis; she is a granddaughter of Lawton & Anne Harper; she descends from B.T.D. and the Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton.
Mills, Matthew, born 6 Dec. 1991 to Rodney & Kathryn Mills; he is grandson of Buddy & Sheila Mikell and is gr-grandson of Stiles & Velma Mikell; he descends from Benj. T.D. and the Rev. W.A. Lawton.
Warner, Lawton Peeples, born 2 March 1992 to Robert E. & Margaret Celia (Marce Peeples) Warner; he is grandson of Mr. & Mrs. J. Randolph Peeples; he descends from Charlotte Anne Lawton Robert and from Benj. T. D. Lawton.
Parson, Elizabeth Ann, born 22 June 1991 to Richard John & Yvette Virden Parson; he is gr-granddaughter of Rev. Cornelius Lewis Stoney (1881-1950); she descends² from Charlotte Anne Lawton Robert, from Benj. T.D. and Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton.
Werts, Charlotte Medlock, born 4 March 1991 Augusta, Ga., granddaughter of Robert Grover and Gloria Wilkins Wertz of Charleston; she descends from Charlotte Anne Lawton Robert, from Benj. T. D. and Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton.
Baggett, Natalie Jean, born 30 May 1991 Charleston, granddaughter of Randolph Travis & Jean Roberta Wilkins Baggett; she descends from Charlotte Anne Lawton Robert, B.T.D. and Rev. W.A. Lawton.

DEATHS:

Baker, Dr. Arthur Maine, Jr., 41, died 29 Nov. 1991, son of Arthur Maine and Sara Brannan Baker, survived by sons: Arthur Maine, III and John of Charleston, sisters Susan McLaughlin and Benita Schlau of Charleston, Brannan DeLoach of Varnville and Jennie Lemon of Barnwell; he descended from Charlotte Anne Lawton Robert and Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton.
Bostick, Joseph Oregon (3 Aug. 1902-30 Sep. 1991), son of Edward May and Jane Lawton Bostick, survived by daughter Caroline B. Griner of Nashville, Ga., son Gary M. Bostick of Monticello, Fla., 3 sisters: Jennie B. Gamble of Kingstree, English B. Rogers of Atlanta and Eliza Bostick of Charleston, 2 grandchildren, 1 gr-grandchild.
Ellis, Julian B., 86, died 22 Jan. 1992, born Allendale Co., son of Thomas B. & Elizabeth Harper Ellis, survived by wife Cassandra Adams Ellis, 2 sons: Dr. Baynard Ellis of Columbia and Daniel E. Ellis of Barnwell, 2 sisters: Elizabeth and Emily Ellis of Orangeburg, 2 grandch.
Sibley, Anderson, Jr. (1928-1992) Daytona Beach, Fla., son of Anderson & Zaillee Rhodes Sibley, survived by sons Steve Sibley and Alan Greg Sibley and four grandchildren.
Willets, Harriett Elizabeth Rhodes (1901-1991) Daytona Beach, daughter of George Thomas & Elizabeth Dowling Rhodes of Augusta, widow of Charles Willits, survived by daughter Mary Ellen W. Cash and son Arthur Winter Willits and ten grandchildren.

DEATHS:

Weiss, Leo Abraham (6 Dec.1918-18 Dec.1991) Alexandria, Va., husband of Mildred Hope Ramsay (daughter of Elbert Solomons and Ruby Emmaline Rhodes Ramsay of Estill), survived by 3 sons: Dr. Steven Ramsay Weiss, Randolph George Weiss & Scott Alan Weiss and daughter: Robin Ann Weiss Lanier of Washington, DC, eight grandchildren.
Patterson, The Rev. Palmer (9 Nov.1925-16 July 1991), son of James L. and Margaret Rice Patterson, survived by Wife Janette Cheatham Patterson, 3 daughters: Lily Cooper, Hobie Morris and Terry McColl, brothers James L., Jr. and William L. Patterson, sisters: Maner Kellam, Florence Daugherty & Margaret Moffett and 4 grandsons.
Trask, Leith Paul, 61, died 15 Nov. 1991 Beaufort, survived by wife Marjorie Fordham Trask, 3 sons: Leith P., Jr., Angus Fordham & Edward Chandler, daughter Marjorie McLeod Trask, brother Neil W., Jr., sisters Annie Trask Wright and Margaret Trask.
Faucette, Phoebe Lawton, died 27 Apr. 1992, daughter of William & Florrie Mendenhall Lawton, survived by son, the Rev. Thomas Faucette of Laurens, sister Mamie Lawton Segars of Hartsville, brother, the Rev. James Kirk Lawton, 3 grandchildren, 3 gr-grandchildren.
Baxter, Ruth Arial, 95, died 16 March 1992, survived by daughter, Mary Elizabeth Baxter of Garnett, sister Virginia Rial Rowse of Spartanburg and several nieces and nephews.
Paul, Constance Jenkins (15 Sep. 1908-16 Aug. 1991), daughter of Robert Emmet and Ella Jones Jenkins, survived by two daughters: Alice P. Warren of Orlando and Nell D. Paul of Beaufort, two sons: Arthur P. Paul and Robert E. Paul of Beaufort, 7 grandchildren, two gr-grandchildren.
Morrison, George Edward (19 Aug. 1904-22 Nov.1991) in Oregon, son of James Eggleston & Leonora Stoney Morrison, Jr. of Estill, survived by son John Edward Morrison.

Marriages:

Charlotte Janet Rhodes and Timothy Hammond were married 28 March 1992; she is daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Edward Rhodes, Jr. of Isle of Palms; he is son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ellis Hammond of Garland, Texas.
Margaret Macaulay Lawton and Lewis Anthony Sutin were married 15 June 1991 at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Oregon Lawton, Jr. in Allendale. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Sutin of Bellport, N.Y.
Bruce Allison Nettles, step-son of Janie Ellen Kittles Nettles of St. Augustine, Fla., married 16 Nov. 1991 Carol Ann Miller of Lake Worth, Fla.
Debra Kay Jarrell married Cole McKinney on 20 June 1992; she is the daughter of Ervin Oliver and Barbara June Youmans Jarrell of Estill, a granddaughter of John Theodore and Winona Johnson Youmans of Estill, a descendant of Charlotte Anne Lawton Robert.

1993 Report of Historian:
Mrs. Cora McKenzie Peeples

NECROLOGY:

James Causey, Jr., 30, died 2 Sept. 1992, son of Dr. James & Julia (Peeples) Causey; descendant of Benjamin T.D. Lawton.

Sarah Patricia Youmans Boineau (26 Sept. 1933-6 Jan. 1993), daughter of Arnold Browning & Sarah Lillian (Long) Youmans; descendant of James Jehu and Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert.

Eugenia Tonge Pinckney, 87, died 18 Feb. 1993, daughter of William George Davis & Elizabeth (Lawton) Tonge.

Grace Sosnowski Seabrook (14 May 1898-12 Jan. 1993), daughter of James Clark & Mary Caroline Seabrook; descendant of Joseph & Sarah (Lawton) Seabrook of Edisto Island.

George Edward Rhodes (5 Dec. 1911-5 Oct. 1992), son of George & Emmie L'Artigue (Fishburne) Rhodes; descendant of James Jehu & Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert of Cotton Hill Plantation, Robertville.

Robert Isadore Peeples, Jr. (22 Apr. 1938-14 Feb. 1993), son of Robert Isadore & Margaret (Ziegler) Peeples; descendant of James Jehu & Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert and of Benjamin T.D. Lawton.

Marguerite Erwin Ellis, 88, died 31 Mar. 1993, daughter of William Robert & Annie Lou (Lawton) Erwin of Hartsville; descendant of Thomas & Thirza Eliza (Lawton) Polhill, of Joseph James & Phoebe J. (Mosse) Lawton who are both buried in Smyrna Cemetery.

William Reynolds LaRoche, Jr., 79, died 7 Apr. 1993, son of William Reynolds & Minnie (Bostick) LaRoche; descendant of William Henry & Catherine (Maner) Lawton.

John Eldon Kirkland, 68, died 9 Apr. 1993 in Allendale; descendant of John Robert of Cotton Hill Plantation and of Landgrave Thomas Smith. Arthur M. Gignilliat, 88, died 21 April 1993 in Savannah; descendant of Landgrave Thomas Smith.

Carl Frederick Wilhelm Ficken, 84, died 17 Aug. 1992, son of Carl F.W. Ficken & Rebecca (Jenny) Ficken; widower of Jean Mobley Ficken of Augusta who was a descendant of James Jehu & Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert of Cotton Hill Plantation, Robertville.

Isobel Smith Lawton, 84, died 13 May 1993, daughter of US Senator Ellison DuRant Smith and widow of Alfred Lawton.

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES:

Lillian Gray Laffitte, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Laffitte, Jr., a descendant of Benjamin T. D. Lawton and of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton, and Benjamin Kory Henderson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gray Henderson of Salt Lake, Utah, are engaged to be married 20 August 1993 in Hampton.

William Henry Norman, III, son of William Henry & Mary Lou (Peeples) Norman, Jr. of North Augusta, descendant of Benjamin T.D. Lawton and of James Jehu & Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert, married on 19 Sept. 1992 in Lawtonville Baptist Church, Estill, Annie Elizabeth Purvis, daughter of Michael Joseph Purvis & Joan Beatrice Wyndham.

Robert Jackson Wiggins, son of Robert Graham & Laurie Kathleen (Rhodes) Wiggins, III, of Estill, descendant of James Jehu & Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert of Cotton Hill Plantation, Robertville, married 6 Mar. 1993 in St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Orangeburg, his uncle, Rev.

David Joseph Rhodes officiating, Rachel Boulware Pendarvis, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Bennie Calloway Pendarvis, Jr.

Heather Diann DeRosa, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louis DeRosa, granddaughter of Joe & Ruth Cook of Eustace, TX, married 3 Apr. 1993 in Athens, TX, Carl Davy Cain; she descends from Jacques deBourdeaux & Sarah (Jaudon) Robert.

BIRTHS:

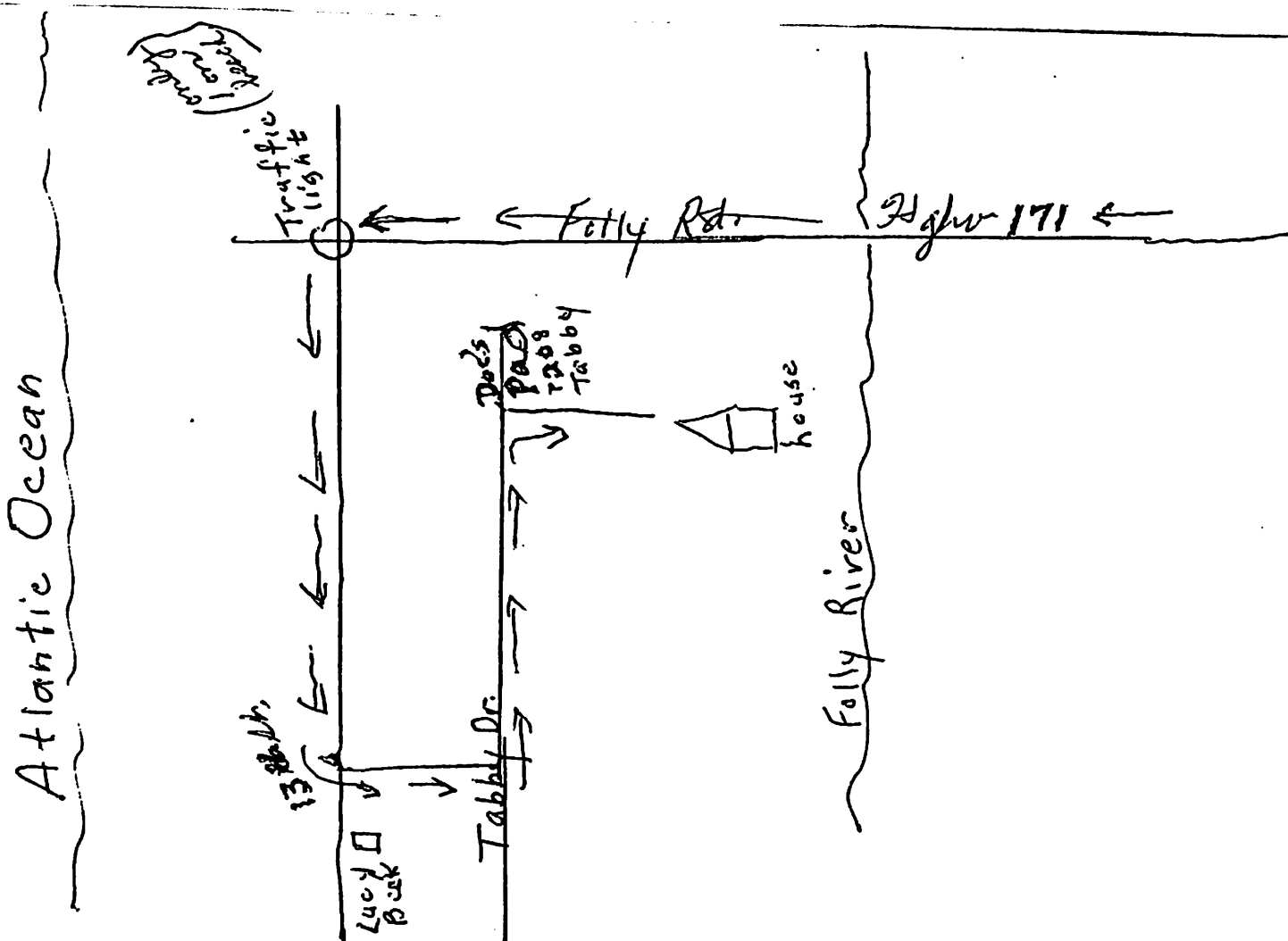
Samantha Elise Pettigrew, born Aug. 1992, daughter of David and Caroline (Morrison) Pettigrew, granddaughter of Harry & Beverly Morrison, descendant of Benjamin T. D. Lawton of Lawtonville.
Christopher Michael Hanna, Jr., born 16 Aug. 1992, son of Christopher Michael & Laurie Kay (Wiggins) Hanna, grandson of Robert Graham & Laurie Kathleen (Rhodes) Wiggins, III, descendant of James Jehu & Charlotte Anne (Lawton) Robert.
Ella Porcher Wyman, born 14 Jan. 1992, daughter of Edward and Angel Wyman, descendant of Rev. Winborn Asa Lawton and of Benjamin Themistocles D'Ion Lawton of Lawtonville. Her 1993 first birthday party was attended by six of her great-grandparents in Bluffton.

Ann Elise Peeples, born 3 Feb. 1993

Paul Wiggins Peeples, III, born 3 Feb. 1993

Catherine Price Peeples, born 3 Feb. 1993

triplet children of Paul Wiggins & Ruth Elise (Schweers) Peeples, Jr. of Mount Pleasant, descendants of Edward Harden & Charlotte Esther (Lawton) Peeples of Lawtonville.



Hilton Head Island, S. C.
May 1964

Dear Cousins,

Because we are proud of and thankful to God for our distinguished family connection, we are happy to extend this invitation to you and your family to share in a gala REUNION of the LAWTON & ALLIED FAMILIES on SATURDAY, 13 June 1964, at the National Guard Armory, Allendale, S. C. Registration @ \$1.30 begins 10AM, Call-to-order 10:30 AM. Supervised play for pre-school & elementary school children by Edwina Maner & her Committee includes swimming (life guard on duty) 10AM-Noon so bring their suits & towels. An "old-fashioned fried chicken dinner" with all the trimmings is being prepared for you by the Barton Community Club with Cousin Xania chairing the Food Committee.

In your honor Mrs. Leslie E. Hanna, Jr. (Betty Vincent) will give a Reception in her lovely home on Baker Ave. in Estill 8-10 PM FRIDAY, 12 June. On your behalf we have accepted Betty's gracious invitation. Out-of-towners will want to make advance o/night reservations at one of Allendale's many fine motels: Town & Country, Holiday Inn, Crescent, Allendale, Siesta, Howard Johnson, etc.

Great News! One of South Carolina's VIPs, SAMUEL GAILLARD STONEY ("Fascinating Sam" himself - almost a cousin!), author, lecturer, historian, tour director, etc., has graciously consented to charm us with his anecdotes of "our own Jamestown" (French Santee) and our Robert-Jaudon-DuBourdeaux Huguenot forebears. Thus inspired, you will want several of the Lawton-Robert-Jaudon "coats-of-arms" which will be available from your Secretary.

Your Historiographer, Mrs. Maner Lawton (Alice) Tonge, 166 Clifton Ave., Spartanburg, will brief us on all family births, marriages, deaths & honors. (Your branch of the family will be included if YOU mail all such items to her.) As Custodian of "OUR FAMILY CIRCLE" she reports only 80 copies left. Every family head should have one - a remarkable buy @ \$10 (half of which sweetens our Cemetery Fnd) a most-wanted wedding, baptismal, birthday or Christmas gift.

Those who heard the outstanding speech by Dr. E. L. Inabinett, Director of the South Caroliniana Library where the "LAWTON PAPERS" are deposited, on "The Lawton Family of Robertville" last year are delighted that it is in print @ \$1. We are grateful to Cousin Alice Tonge for accepting custodianship of our 500-copy "private edition". If each family gets several copies, they won't last long; get yours on the 13th - or send Alice \$1.25 to mail you one.

We expect our famous cousin, Carew Rice, world's greatest silhouette artist, to honor our Reunion with his presence. IF you are lucky you may get him to immortalize you & your family with his magic scissors. His address: Wiggins Road, Green Pond, S. C.

Please bring your historic documents, pictures, silver, honors, etc. to display. Your family rejoices with you in sharing them. How we thrilled last year to hear Dr. Martha Erwin Sibley's charming account of how she recovered her gr-grandfather's rare book from heirs of d...yankee arsonists & looters of 1865. We hope to hear from this gracious lady again this year.

Truly, our "cup runneth over"! You are invited by their hospitable owners to visit our three extant ante bellum family plantations: "Rose Lawn", "Gravel Hill" & "Erwinton" on Saturday afternoon. Then Tom Lawton, Jr. will direct our Cemetery Tour of Antioch, Smyrna, Concord, Lawtonville, Robert, Bostick, Blackswamp & Robertville Cemeteries where we all share responsibility for the care of graves of our beloved forebears. More about this later.

If you honor and love your family, do write us whether you'll accept these varied invitations for June 12-13. Thanks to the many gifts for our "operating treasury" in 1963, we managed to weather the annual financial storm; 1964 contributions will be thankfully acknowledged by your Treasurer - and welcomed! Also, do enclose any new names for our mailing list; we don't want to overlook (Heaven help us) anyone "of the blood". God's Blessings.

Faithfully yours,

(Rev.) Robert E. H. Peeples, President

(Mrs.) Cora McKenzie Peeples, Sec.-Treas.

Report of the Historian, Lawton & Allied Families Association:
Mrs. Cora McKenzie Peeples
18 June 1994:

BIRTHS:

Allie Crane Bates, born 22 March 1993, daughter of Robert Anthony and Stephanie Crane Wiggins Bates, descendant of Hon. George and Eliza Jane (Robert) Rhodes.

Maggie Louise Amos, born 4 Feb. 1992, daughter of Michael and Tracy Lee (O'Neal) Amos, gr-granddaughter of Richard Wilmotte and Lula Mae (Jackson) Ellis, descendant of Charlotte Ann (Lawton) Robert.

MARRIAGES:

Theodore Milton Rhodes, III, son of T. Milton Rhodes, Jr. of Charleston, married 21 Aug. 1993 Karen Charlotte Addy, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James M. Addy.

William Dee Chisolm, III, of Columbia, son of William D. Chisolm, Jr. of St. Augustine, Fla., married 15 Jan. 1994 Frances Ruth Anderson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Audie Anderson of Huntsville, Ala. The groom is a gr-grandson of Stoney Lawton & Ethel (Rhodes) Peeples.

Angus Macaulay Lawton of Charleston, son of Thomas Oregon Lawton, Jr. of Allendale, married 25 July 1993 Sara Anne Gustin, daughter of Dr. Allen Nathaniel Gustin of Walterboro.

Lillian Gray Laffitte, daughter of Charles Atkins Laffitte of Hampton, married 28 Aug. 1993 Benjamin Kory Henderson of Park City, Utah, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Dean Henderson of Blue Springs, Mo. They will reside in Park City, Utah.

NECROLOGY:

Mary Elizabeth Baxter, 75, died 14 Feb. 1994, daughter of Lawton Baxter of Summer Pines, Garnett, descendant of William Henry Lawton and Col. William John Lawton.

Henry Lawton Bishop, Jr., 82, died 20 Apr. 1994, survived by four children: William L. Bishop of Ft. Lauderdale, Connie Campbell and Beverly Holcomb of Gray Court, Judith Hyde of Lula; and three siblings: Morris L. Bishop of Brentwood, TN., Billie Cheatham of Mt. Pleasant and Mary Flowers of Decatur, Ga.

Clarence Charles Haigh (24 May 1925-18 Sept. 1993), son of Clarence Charles & Jessie (Nelson) Haigh; he was the husband of Mary Elizabeth Bostick, daughter of Maner Lawton Bostick of Beaufort.

Julia G. Lawton died 17 Aug. 1993, survived by her husband, Thomas O. Lawton of Indialantic, Fla., 2 sons: T. Stanley Lawton of Chapel Hill, NC & James B. Lawton of Bluffton, and a daughter, Ann Lawton Hardy of Melbourne, Fla., a brother J. Allen Gresham of Atlanta and a sister, Motte Gray of Greenville, SC.

Olive Allene Lawton died 18 Sept. 1993, daughter of Wesley Willingham and Ida Carey (Deaver) Lawton; she was a missionary to China for 40 years. She is survived by her brother Deaver Lawton of Ridgecrest, NC.

Thomas Maxwell Lawton (15 Jan. 1908-5 May 1992), son of T. O. and Bess (Miller) Lawton. His wife, Wilma Clinkscales Lawton died 25 Dec. 1991; they are survived by 3 nephews: William A. Farrar & James D. Poteat of Greenville and Frank Lawton of Richmond, Va. and a niece Dr. Mary Elizabeth Myers of Philippi, W.Va. Max Lawton owned the first Seeing Eye dog in Greenville.

Catherine Lawton Moore (1 Dec. 1900-29 Apr. 1993), daughter of Joseph Maner & Maud (Tilton) Lawton of Florence; widow of Jefferson Davis Moore, she is survived by a daughter, Dr. Catherine Elizabeth Moore & 2 sisters: Mrs. Leslie J. Huntley of Lumberton, NC & Lt. Col. Rosa T. Lawton of Georgetown, and a brother, Joseph Maner Lawton of Darlington, SC.

William Lawton Rice, 89, died 20 Mar. 1994, son of James M. & Emma J. (Maner) Rice of Conway. He is survived by a son David L. Rice of Charleston & a daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Duvall of Pensacola, Fla.

Eleanor Hook Varn, 93, died 1 Aug. 1993 in Beckley, W.Va.; born in Augusta, she moved to Beaufort in 1920 to teach school & married Rivers Lawton Varn. She is survived by a son Rivers Lawton Varn, Jr. of Beckley, W.Va. & 2 daughters: Anne V. Thompson of Atlanta and Frances Varn Bass of Hilton Head Island.

Wallace Bailey Watson, 51, of Baltimore, Md., died 22 Dec. 1993, an attorney & member of the Society of First Families of SC, survived by his wife, Carole Parkstone Watson, a brother David H. Watson of Charleston, 3 sisters: Virginia W. Culbertson of Florence, Vinda W. Goodman & Wanda W. Heffelfinger, both of Atlanta.

Glynn Correll Webber, 71, died 25 Nov. 1993 in Charleston, born in Jonesville, son of James H. and Melle (Whitlock) Webber. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Gamble Webber of Kingstree, 2 daughters: Mrs. Lawton W. Scott of Marietta, Ga. & Mrs. Jane W. Lassiter of Stone Mountain, Ga. and a brother, Col. Ira B. Webber of Beaufort.

H A I L T H E N A M E : L A W T O N

(Reunion Hymn)

Hail the name of LAWTON!
Noble Crest 'mongst thy Peers!

Hail the claim of LAWTON!
Victorious thru the years!

What is LAWTON?

L . . . Love and Liberty our fathers fought and died to win.
A . . . Allegiance pledged by loyal stalwart men..
W . . . Work accomplished - - - Great Goals won!
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O . . . Obedience to God's Call!
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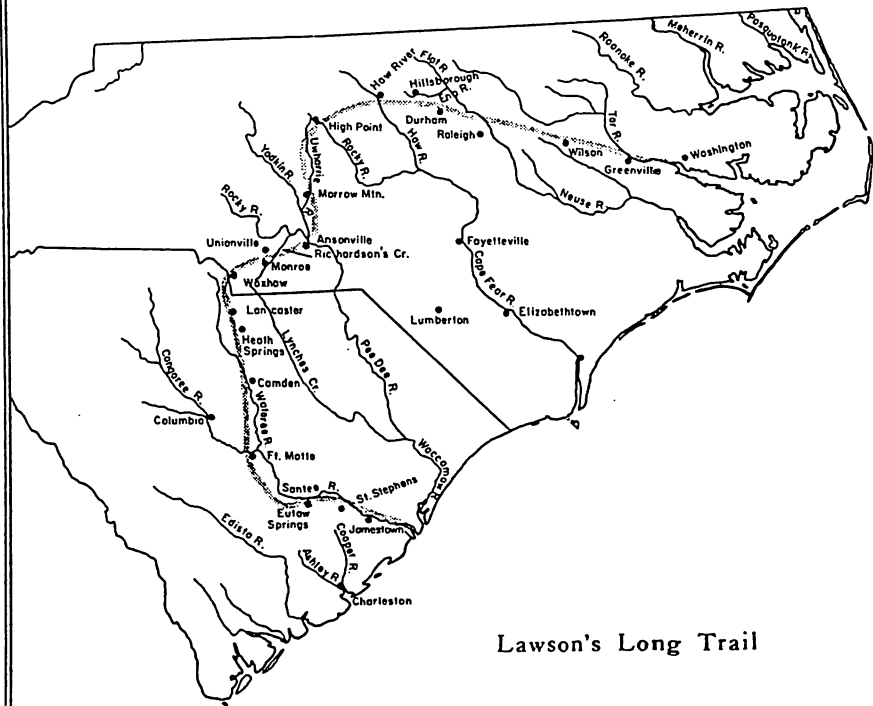
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